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160.	Sangrur	Ahmedgarh	PUNGRAIN	10000	Sandhu Complex
161.	Barnala	Barnala	PUNGRAIN	20000	Sindhu Bros & Co-owners
162.	Barnala	Barnala	PUNGRAIN	30000	Shri Bala Enterprises
163.	Ferozepur	Ferozepur	PUNGRAIN	40000	J.G.S. Associates
164.	Ferozepur	Ferozepur	PUNGRAIN	50000	Sekhon Godown
165.	Kapurthala	Kapurthala	PUNGRAIN	10000	Shri Roop Guru
166.	Kapurthala	Kapurthala	PUNGRAIN	5000	Darshana Enterprises
167.	Kapurthala	Kapurthala	PUNGRAIN	36307	SSB Warehousing

(B) List of Private Godowns directly hired by the FCI

S1.	No. Distt.	Centre	Name of the Godown	Capacity in MTs	Date of Hiring
1.	Amritsar	Tarn Taran (Rural)	Surjit Singh & Co-owners	10000	01.11.16 to 31.10.17
2.	Gurdaspur	Dinanagar (Urban)	M/S SatyapalDharam Pal	10000	1978-79
3.	Jalandhar	Kartarpur Unit 5 & 6 (Urban)	Jaspal Singh & Co. Owner	15000	01.04.1988
4.		Kartarpur (Urban)	Swarnkaur	5000	01.04.2008
5.		Phillaur (Rural)	Ranjith Singh & Co.	10000	01.03.1986
6.		Nurmahal (Urban)	Shankar Godown	10000	27.09.1989
7.	Moga	Ajitwal (Rural)	M/s H.G & Co. At Ajitwal	10000	14.11.1978
8.		Ajitwal	M/s Pritam Singh Kuldeep Singh Ajitwal (Rural)	10000	09.12.1978

## Wastage of imported onions

2305. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that State Governments have either partially or completely withdrawn their claim to take the onions imported by Central Government;
  - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) Government's plans to dispose of the rest of the onions that are lying in Government's warehouses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO): (a) and (b) Some of the States/UTs have not preferred to take imported onions or withdrawn their demand of imported onions on account of reasons which primarily include moderating prices and improving availability of onions, lack of retailing network, lower consumer preference for imported onions, not-so-preferred taste of imported onions due to its lesser pungency, availability of local variety etc.

(c) Government directed MMTC and NAFED to dispose imported onions at prevailing market/mandi/ online portal rates, in addition to supplies to States/UTs. As on 02.03.2020, out of the Total imported quantity of about 35,481 MT onions, about 27,978 MT onions was disposed off by NAFED and MMTC, including supplies of about 3392 MT onions to various States/UTs based on their demand.

## Hoarding of edible oils

2306. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that edible oil prices have increased due to hoarding;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government against hoarders who created artificial scarcity to drive speculation; and
- (c) whether there has been any positive change in the hoarding situation of edible oils?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO): (a): No Sir. No information has been received from any State so far regarding hoarding of edible oils.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

## Availability of godowns in Gujarat

†2307. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.