

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.265
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2021

STORAGE OF WHEAT AND RICE IN STEEL SILOS

265 SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that traditional storage of wheat and rice in jute gunny bags in godowns is resulting in wastage of 10-20 percent;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Government has begun a pilot project to set up steel silos for storage of rice and wheat in Kaimur and Buxar districts of Bihar;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that FCI would set up joint silos with a total capacity of 50,000 tonne each at these places; and
- (d) if so, the total expenditure to be incurred and the progress made till date?

A N S W E R
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. *265 FOR ANSWER ON 19.03.2021 IN THE RAJYA SABHA.

(a): No Sir. It is not correct that traditional storage of wheat, rice in jute gunny bags in godowns is resulting in wastage of 10-20%.

(b)&(c): Yes Sir. Silos of total 1 Lakh Metric Ton (LMT) capacity at Kaimur & Buxar are being set up under Viability Gap Funding (VGF) Scheme of Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. At each location, silos of 50000 MT capacity comprising of 37,500 MT for wheat and 12,500 MT for rice are being constructed.

(d): Out of the total estimated capital cost of Rs. 65.28 crore, an amount of Rs. 18.75 crore has been incurred as expenditure by the concessionaires upto 31.12.2020. The Food Corporation of India (FCI) has incurred total expenditure of Rs 19.14 crore towards land cost in 2019-20. Under VGF, grant of Rs.7.65 crore has been sought by the concessionaire and the eligible amount of grant will be decided by DEA on submission of documents. Land has been acquired at both the locations and civil work is underway.
