

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1996
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2021

EXPENDITURE ON HIRING PRIVATE GODOWNS

1996: SHRI K.J. ALPHONS:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the present storage capacity of FCI godowns;
- (b) the amount of expenditure incurred on hiring private godowns during the last five years;
- (c) whether the Ministry/FCI has done any audit of the expenditure incurred on this to determine whether private godowns were hired unnecessarily; and
- (d) if so, the findings thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD &
PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)

(a) & (b): As on 31.01.2021, Storage capacity available in Food Corporation of India (FCI) own godowns for storage of foodgrain is 152.80 LMT. In addition, storage capacity of 256.61 LMT has been hired by FCI.

The Detail of amount of expenditure incurred on hiring Private godowns by FCI from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are given below: -

Year	Amount in Lakhs
2015-16	79,396.38
2016-17	92,341.40
2017-18	97,383.46
2018-19	99,961.03
2019-20*	1,07,274.68

*Figures for the year 2019-20 are prior to audit.

(c) & (d): Yes, FCI had done Internal Audit of districts, covering audit of expenditure incurred on hiring of private godowns.

Expenditure was incurred in respect of hiring of private godowns, whenever there was shortage of storage capacity in FCI own godowns/Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)/State Warehousing Corporation (SWC) godowns.

Some of the findings in the Audit Reports are related to poor infrastructure in some of the Private Godowns, unavailability of sufficient dunnage material etc.
