

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1542
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2021

HIRING OF PRIVATE GODOWNS BY FCI

1542 SHRI K.J. ALPHONS:

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

- (a) whether government has a blue print on the maximum quantity of foodgrains that would be stocked by Food Corporation Of India (FCI);
- (b) whether FCI need to stock such vast quantity of foodgrains;
- (c) whether FCI hires private godowns when they run short of space;
- (d) whether Government has laid down guidelines for hiring of private godowns; and
- (e) whether it is a fact that sometimes private godowns which are hired are under utilised, if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): FCI continuously assesses and monitors the storage capacity and based on the storage gap assessment, storage capacities are created/hired. The requirement of Storage capacity in FCI depends upon the level of procurement, requirement of buffer norms and Public Distribution System (PDS) operations for Rice and Wheat mainly. Storage gap is assessed in the procuring States based on the highest stock levels in the last three years and in the consuming States on the basis of 4 months (6 months in case of NE regions) requirement of National Food Security Act (NFSA) and Other Welfare Scheme (OWS).

FCI augments its storage capacity through following schemes:-

1. Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme
2. Central Sector Scheme (CSS)
3. Construction of Silo's under PPP mode
4. Hiring of godown from CWCs/SWCs/State Agencies
5. Private Warehousing Scheme (PWS)

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): Yes, Sir. Since storage capacities are created/hired based on peak stock level in procuring regions, the capacity utilization varies from month to month. The details of month wise capacity utilization of Private Hired Godowns from 01.12.2020 to 01.11.2021 is at **Annexure-I**.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1542 FOR ANSWER ON 10.12.2021 IN THE RAJYA SABHA.

Utilization of Private Hired Godowns w.e.f 01.12.2020 to 01.11.2021

Month	Capacity (in LMT)	Stock (in LMT)	Utilization(%)
1/12/2020	130.56	98.17	75.19
1/1/2021	129.42	88.69	68.53
1/2/2021	130.86	103.64	79.20
1/3/2021	130.71	113.37	86.73
1/4/2021	130.89	113.04	86.36
1/5/2021	130.89	121.38	92.73
1/6/2021	135.21	138.67	102.56
1/7/2021	136.76	146.35	107.01
1/8/2021	136.23	144.64	106.17
1/9/2021	130.78	133.00	101.70
1/10/2021	128.45	126.24	98.28
1/11/2021	128.11	111.33	86.90
