

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1645
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH AUGUST, 2024

FCI GODOWNS IN MAHARASHTRA

1645 SHRI IMRAN PRATAPGARHI:

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

- (a) the number of godowns of the Food Corporation of India, which are currently operating in Maharashtra;
- (b) whether more foodgrains are stored in these godowns than its capacity which results in enormous spoilage of foodgrains;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any proposal has been received or lying pending with Government for construction of new godowns in Maharashtra; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time limit prescribed for construction of the same?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a): As on 01.07.2024, Food Corporation of India (FCI) is operating 58 warehouses (Owned – 13 and Hired- 45) having total capacity of 16.42 LMT for storage of foodgrains throughout the Maharashtra state.

(b) & (c): No, Sir.

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(d) & (e): Food Corporation of India (FCI) mainly stores food grains (wheat & rice) after procurement for Public Distribution System (PDS) and for maintaining buffer stock, to ensure food security in the country.

Requirement of Storage capacity in FCI depends upon the level of procurement, requirement of buffer norms and Public Distribution System (PDS) operations for food grains (Rice and Wheat). FCI continuously assesses and monitors the storage capacity and based on the requirement and storage gap assessment, storage capacities are created/hired through following schemes at a Pan India level including Maharashtra:-

1. Construction of Silos under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode
2. Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme
3. Central Sector Scheme "Storage & Godowns"
4. Hiring of godown from Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)/ State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs)/State Agencies
5. Private Warehousing Scheme (PWS)
6. Creation of godowns under Asset Monetization
