

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 172
ANSWERED ON 07/08/2024

World's Largest Grain Storage Plan

172. DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken for implementing the world's largest grain storage plan; and
- (b) the States/ UTs where pilot projects are being carried out for the same?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

- (a) and (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) AND (B) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 172 FOR REPLY ON 7TH AUGUST, 2024 ASKED BY DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE REGARDING WORLD'S LARGEST GRAIN STORAGE PLAN.

In order to address the shortage of food grain storage capacity in the country, the Government on 31.5.2023 has approved the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector, which has been rolled out as a Pilot Project.

The Plan entails creation of various agri infrastructure at PACS level, including setting up decentralized godowns, custom hiring center, processing units, Fair Price Shops, etc. through convergence of various existing schemes of the Government of India (GoI), such as, Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure Scheme (AMI), Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PMFME), etc.

The Pilot project is being implemented by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) with the support of NABARD, Food Corporation of India (FCI), NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS), National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC), etc. in different States/ UTs.

In order to ensure smooth and effective implementation of the plan, Ministry of Cooperation has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Home and Cooperation Minister, which is authorized to modify guidelines/ implementation methodologies of the schemes identified for convergence, as and when need arises. Further, a National Level Coordination Committee (NLCC) has also been constituted under the chairmanship of Secretary (Ministry of Cooperation) having members from Ministry/ Departments, Central Government agencies concerned, to steer the overall implementation of the Plan and reviewing the progress of implementation, etc.

To monitor the implementation of the project and to ensure its seamless integration with the existing policies/ programmes at State level, State Cooperative Development Committee (SCDC) under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary of the State at State level and District Cooperative Development Committee (DCDC) under the chairmanship of District Collector in each District of the States/UTs have also been constituted.

In order to ensure full capacity utilization of the storage capacity being created at PACS level by Central/ State agencies, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Ministry of Cooperation (GoI), Department of Food and Public Distribution (GoI), Food Corporation of India (FCI) and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). This will facilitate integration of these godowns with the supply chain of foodgrains, thereby providing requisite forward and backward market linkages to PACS.

Further, a Project Management Unit (PMU), manned by management and technical experts, has also been set up at NCDC for coordinating with line Ministries; following up with PACS/ District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs)/ State Cooperative Banks (StCBs) for obtaining project proposals/ periodical reports, etc. under the Plan.

Further, in order to facilitate smooth implementation of the Project, NCDC, which is the implementing agency of the project, has also onboarded National Buildings Construction Corporation Ltd. (NBCC) by signing an MoU with it and NABARD for providing Project Management Consultancy (PMC) services and assisting in construction of warehouses, providing technical assistance, coordinating with PACS and other stakeholders, etc.

Under the Pilot Project of the Plan, construction of godowns has been completed in 11 PACS of 11 States. The names of PACS, District/ State, capacity of godown created are as mentioned below:

S.No.	Name of PACS	District	State	Godown Capacity (in MT)
1.	Neripanglai Vividh Karyakari Sahakari Sanstha	Amravati	Maharashtra	3,000
2.	Bahudeshiya Prathamik Grameen Sahakari Samiti Limited, Kotwa Panday	Mirzapur	Uttar Pradesh	1,500
3.	The Chandranagar Group Seva Sahakari Mandli Limited	Ahmedabad	Gujarat	750
4.	Ghumudwali Gram Seva Sahakari Samiti Limited	Sri Ganganagar	Rajasthan	250
5.	Bahudeshiya Prathamik Krishi Saakh Sahakari Society Maryadit Parswada	Balaghat	Madhya Pradesh	500
6.	Bahudeshiya Kisan Seva Sahakari Samiti Limited, Sahaspur	Dehradun	Uttarakhand	500
7.	Silamarathupatti Primary Agriculture Credit Society	Theni	Tamil Nadu	1,000
8.	Primary Agriculture Credit Society Limited, Gambhiropet	KarimNagar	Telangana	500
9.	2 No. Pub Bongshar G.P.S.S Limited	Kamrup	Assam	500
10.	Primary Agriculture Cooperative Federation Limited, Ekamba	Bidar	Karnataka	1,000
11.	Khilpara Primary Agriculture Credit Society Limited	Gomati	Tripura	250
