

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5101
ANSWERED ON:25.08.2000
TARGET FOR PROCUREMENT OF WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any target for procurement of wheat by Food Corporation of India for the current season has been fixed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to procure more wheat from some States during the current season as compared to last year; and
- (d) if so, the names of such States and the steps proposed to be taken to increase the existing storage capacity of FCI in different parts of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a),(b) & (c) : As the procurement operations are voluntary in nature and the farmers have the choice to sell their produce to State Governments/Food Corporation of India or in the Open Market, as is advantageous to them, no targets are fixed for procurement of wheat. However, based on the estimated production and availability of wheat, procurement estimates are given by the State Governments prior to the commencement of each Marketing Season.

The overall procurement of wheat during the current Rabi Marketing Season 2000-01 has been estimated at 162 lakh tonnes.

(d) A Statement showing the FCI Storage Construction Programme 2000-2001 as on May,2000 is at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5101 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 25.8.2000

FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA STORAGE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 2000-2001 STATUS REPORT AS ON MAY, 2000

(CAPACITY IN MT)

Sl. Centre/ Capacity/ Capacity Status
Capacity/Region sanctioned/ targeted for
In Progress realisation
during
2000-2001.

NORTH ZONE

1. Simili/5000/UP 5000 5000 Foundation work is in progress.

2. Kargil /2500/
J&K-Agency J&K PWD 2500 2500 Initial deposit paid to J&K PWD during
October, 99. SRM reminded to furnish
the latest status of this project.

SOUTH ZONE

1. Payyanur/30,000/ 30,000 25,000 Site development work completed. Founda-
Kerala(Railfed) tion work is in progress. Tenders for
balance 5000 MT godowns are being invited.

2. Hassan/10,000/ 10,000 5000 5000MT capacity godown completed during Karnataka 1999-2000. Roofing works are in progress in other unit of 5000 MT.

3. Belgaum/20,000/ 20000 10000 Contract finalised on 26.5.2000. Work Karnataka since awarded.

4. Raichur/15,000/ 15000 10000 Tenders opened and are under scrutiny in Karnataka ZO(South).

EAST ZONE

1. Parlekemundi/ 10000 6660 3340 MT capacity out of one unit of 10000/Orissa 5000MT capacity godown completed during 1999-2000. Super structure works are in progress in the other unit of 5,000MT capacity.

NORTH EAST ZONE

1. Lawngtalci/3340/ 3340 3340 NBCC had suspended the works since long. Mizoram/Agency The agent did not recommence the works despite repeated requests. State Government of Mizoram was offered the godowns on `as is where is basis`. The State Government has requested to intimate the terms and conditions which are yet to be finalised by the S&C Division in Headquarters.

2. Agartala/5000/ 5000 5000 Super structure works are in progress. Tripura Agency CPWD

3. Jowai/3750/ 3750 3750 Finishing works are nearing completion. Meghalaya- Ancillaries in progress. Agency CPWD

4. Jiribam/2500/ 2500 - CPWD has received tenders for construction of compound wall; tenders are being invited by CPWD for godowns. Manipur-Agency CPWD.