

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1260
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2000
F.C.I. GODOWNS IN TAMIL NADU
P.D. ELANGO VAN

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

- (a) the godowns and offices of Food Corporation of India at present in Tamil Nadu, location-wise; (
- (b) the expenditure incurred by F.C.I. on procurement, storage and distribution of rice, grains, wheat etc. in Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years; (
- (c) whether the Government has taken any measures to improve the existing open-air godowns in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to increase the storage potential?

Answer

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

(a): At present the Food Corporation of India has a total of 42 godowns (35 covered & 7 Covered Area and Plinths (CAP) in the State of Tamil Nadu.

A statement showing location-wise FCI Godowns and FCI Offices in Tamil Nadu is enclosed.

(b): The FCI do not procure foodgrains in Tamil Nadu. It stores foodgrains received from other States and issue the same to the Tamil Nadu Government as per PDS allocation given by the Government and other consumers. Distribution cost on quantity issued under TPDS Scheme in Tamil Nadu is as under:-

(Rs. PER TONNE/PER YEAR)

Year	Wheat	Rice
1996-97 (Prov.)	1,150	1,582
1997-98 (Prov.)	1,793	1,884
1998-99 (Prov.)	1,631	1,734
1999-2000 (Prov.)	1,377	1,709

(AS PER TONNE/PER YEAR)

(c)&(d): Procurement of rice in Tamil Nadu is done by the State agencies under monopoly procurement scheme under which the FCI is prohibited from procuring. The State agencies are accordingly responsible for providing godowns for the paddy/rice procured by them. The Tamil Nadu Government has not intimated any problem regarding inadequacy of godown/storage facility. A sum of Rs. 50 lakhs was given to Tamil Nadu Government in 1996-97 for constructing 18 godowns to create additional capacity of 2480 Metric Tons. The Tamil Nadu Government have not yet constructed these godowns.

The existing storage capacity with the FCI (owned and hired) in Tamil Nadu is considered adequate for buffer stocking and public distribution.

The CAP storages in Tamil Nadu and elsewhere in the country are considered a temporary requirement to store excessive stocks of wheat held by FCI and the State/State agencies all over the country. They are perfectly safe and scientific storages involving lesser storage costs. Permanent capacities however, would be created wherever the need for creation of additional capacities is established over a period of time. The capacity is proposed to be increased by participation of private/public agencies.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1260 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 02-03-2000 REGARDING F.C.I. GODOWNS IN TAMIL NADU.

The location-wise godowns available with FCI in Tamil Nadu as on 01.02.2000 are given below:-

COVERED STORAGE GODOWNS:

NAME OF THE NAME OF THE REVENUE DISTRICT NAME OF THE CENTRE
FCI DISTRICT

Coimbatore Coimbatore Coimbatore
Peelamadu
Thirpur
Mettupulam
Siddhapudur

Kamarajar Avinashi
Periyar Erode
Salem Salem

Chennai Chennai Avadi
Chrompet
Egmore

JM(PO) Chennai Chennai Harbour (Port)
Tuticorn Kanyakumari Nagar Koli

Mudurai Mudurai
Virdu Nagar

Dindigul Dindigul
Tiruneveli Tiruneveli
Pollatakoti

Chidambanar V.O.C. Port
Tuticorn Tuticorn. Bonded

Thanjavur South Arcot Chidambaram (Silo)
-do- (MRM)

Thanjavur - Mannargudi Sambanarkoli (Silo)
-do- (MRM)
Thanjavur. SEP Sembanarkoi.

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Vellore North Arcot Arkonam. Sevoor.

CAP (OPEN) STORAGE GODOWNS:

NAME OF THE NAME OF THE REVENUE DISTRICT NAME OF THE CENTRE
FCI DISTRICT

Coimbatore Coimbatore Coimbatore
Peelamadu

Salem Salem

Vellore North Arcot Arkonam-Sevoor
Chennai Chennai Avadi
Tuticorin Tuticorin Tuticorin

FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA'S OFFICES IN TAMIL NADU

The location-wise position of the offices of FCI in Tamil Nadu is given below:-

Zonal Office(South) Chennai
Regional Office, Tamil Nadu Chennai
Joint Manager(PO) Chennai
District Office Chennai
District Office Coimbatore
District Office Turicorin
District Office Thanjavur
District Office Vellore
District Office Cuddalore