

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:291
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2004
STORAGE CAPACITY OF FCI AND CWC
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and Food Corporation of India (FCI) are incurring huge losses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total storage capacity of each of these corporations alongwith the percentage capacity utilization during the last three years separately; and
- (d) the efforts made by the Government to increase the storage capacity particularly in States where procurement is high and to help the corporations earn profit?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c) AND (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.291 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 16-08-2004 IN THE LOK SABHA.

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

(c): The total storage capacity available with FCI and CWC along with percentage utilization during the last three years is as under.

Year	Food Corporation of India (FCI)		Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)	
	Capacity (in lakh tonnes)	Utilization (%)	Capacity (in lakh tonnes)	Utilization (%)
2001-02	358.40	82	86.55	83
2002-03	317.40	59	91.50	74
2003-04	272.40	46	92.64	60

(d): Due to the efforts made in the past, the storage capacity now available in the country, and in particular in the procuring States, is considered adequate.