

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:327
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PROCUREMENT AND STORAGE FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether adequate facilities are available for procurement and storage of foodgrains produced in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the estimated production and procurement, carry over stocks and storage capacity likely to be available during the ensuing year along with the quantum of foodgrains damaged during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the total land area for godowns available with various agencies and the ratio of storage buildings built thereon;
- (d) whether proposals have been received from the States for creation of additional storage space and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken to create fresh storage space, improve the condition of the existing godowns and check pest and rodent infestation for safe storage of foodgrains during the ensuing seasons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 327 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 04.09.2012 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a) & (b) The total storage capacity available with the Food Corporation of India (FCI) [owned and hired] as on 1.8.2012 was 372.79 lakh tons. However, combined storage capacity available with FCI and State agencies is 714.14 lakh tons against the current central pool stocks of 760 lakh tons of wheat and rice. During procurement season, stock of foodgrains do exceed the available storage capacity for which temporary storage arrangements of wheat are made under cover and plinth.

As per the Fourth Advance Estimate of production of foodgrains, the estimated production of rice and wheat during 2011-12 are 104.32 million tons and 93.90 million tons respectively, against which 348.29 lakh tons of rice (as on 31.08. 2012) and 381.48 lakh tons of wheat have been procured. The carryover of rice as on 01.10.2012 in the central pool is estimated to be 236.72 lakh tons and the carryover of wheat as on 01.04.2013 is estimated to be 262.31 lakh tons. The First Advance Estimates of production for Kharif crops 2012-13 are scheduled for release in September, 2012 only. The estimates of total production of agricultural crops for the whole year (covering Kharif as well as Rabi crops) will be available in Second Advance Estimates for 2012-13 scheduled for release in February, 2013.

State-wise details of foodgrain stock accrued as damaged / non issuable with FCI for the last three years is at Annexure-I.

(c) This information is not maintained. However, for the godowns with FCI (own land) the total land area is 2580 hectares on which the built up capacity is 124.97 lakh tons. The covered area of godowns is 33.80%.

(d) and (e) Based on the additional storage requirement for central stock of foodgrains, Govt. of India is implementing a scheme called Private Entrepreneurs' Guarantee (PEG) scheme for construction of storage godowns through Private Entrepreneurs, Central Warehousing Corporation and State Warehousing Corporation. So far, capacity of 181.08 lakh tons has been approved at various locations in 19 states. State-wise details of the approved capacities under the scheme are at Annexure-II.

Under the PEG Scheme, proposals have been received from Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh and Bihar for creation of additional storage capacity. The Government has approved additional capacities of 19.52 lakh tons for Madhya Pradesh, 3.21 lakh tons for Chhattisgarh and 6.4 lakh tons for Bihar, thus taking the total approved capacity under the scheme to 181.08 lakh tons. The proposal of Andhra Pradesh for creation of additional capacity has been referred back to the State for re-examination.

Besides PEG Scheme, following steps have been taken by the Government for creating additional Storage capacity:-

A storage capacity of 5.74 lakh tons (5.34 lakh tons for North East Region and 40,000 tons for other than NE) has been proposed

for construction at a cost of Rs. 551.50 crores during 12th Five Year Plan.

A capacity of 20 lakh tons is being created through modern silos in different parts of the country.

Further, GMs (Region)/ EDs (Zone) of FCI have been delegated with powers for hiring of additional storage capacity from CWC, SWC, State Agencies and Private Parties for storage of foodgrain as per their requirement in view of the increased procurement and urgent storage needs.

To improve the condition of existing godowns of FCI, a budget provision of Rs.150 crores has been kept to take up the works for renovation/ improvement of conditions of godowns & roads etc. during financial year 2012-13.

Steps taken to check pest and rodent infestation of foodgrains in FCI godowns is at Annexure-III.