

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

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HIRING OF STORAGE SPACE

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

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) had to hire storage space from various agencies such as Central Warehousing Corporation, State Warehousing Corporations and private parties, as its own storage capacity was insufficient to accommodate the Central Pool Stock of foodgrains;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum of foodgrains stored, storage capacity hired and de-hired during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to increase the storage capacity of FCI during last three years along with the capacity created, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a):Yes Madam. Food Corporation of India (FCI) had to hire space from various agencies such as CWC, SWCs, State Agencies and private parties for storage of foodgrains as per requirement in view of the increased procurement and storage requirements.

(b): The total storage capacity available with FCI (owned as well as hired) and State Agencies for storage of central pool stocks during the last three years and the current year with the corresponding stock position in central pool is given as below:

(Fig. in Lakh MT)

As on	Storage Capacity with FCI	Total Storage with state agencies of central pool	Total Storage capacity	Grand Total	Stock position
	Owned	Hired			

31.03.11	156.07	160.03	316.10	291.32	607.42	441.84
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31.03.12	156.40	179.64	336.04	341.35	677.39	533.02
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31.03.13	156.33	221.02	377.35	354.28	731.63	596.75
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30.06.13	156.33	235.46	391.79	354.28	746.07	739.05
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(c): With the objective of creating additional storage capacity in the country, Government of India/FCI is implementing a scheme called Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme for construction of storage capacity through Private Entrepreneurs, CWC & SWCs. Under this Scheme, storage capacities are created by private investors, CWC, SWCs and other State Agencies for guaranteed hiring by FCI. Accordingly, a capacity of 73.28 lakh MT has already been completed. The State wise details are given in the Annexure. The capacities completed during the last three years under the PEG Scheme is given as below:

Year	Capacity Completed (in Lakh MT)
2010-11	2.0
2011-12	26.17
2012-13	41.75
2013-14 (upto 31.07.13)	3.36
Total	73.28

FCI is also augmenting storage capacities under PLAN Scheme (Five year plans) as such. The capacities created under Plan Scheme during the last 3 years i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 & 2012-13 is given as below:

YEAR	ACHIEVEMENT	
2010-11	Assam -	5000 MT
2011-12	Manipur	4590 MT
	Himachal Pradesh	3340 MT
	Lakshadweep	2500 MT
	Jharkhand	825 MT
	Total	11255 MT

2012-13	Manipur	2910 MT
	Himachal Pradesh	1670 MT
	Total	4570 MT
Grand Total		20825 MT