

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:396
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STORAGE FACILITIES
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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) has developed adequate/appropriate facilities and made other logistical arrangements for storage of foodgrains to facilitate the implementation of the Food Security Legislation by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether in view of shortage of employees, the FCI has launched a recruitment drive for providing proper management facilities; and.
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Food Corporation of India (FCI) has a total storage capacity of 391.79 lakh MT as on 30.06.13 and the State agencies have 354.28 lakh MT capacity for storage of central pool stocks. Thus, the total storage capacity available with FCI and State agencies for storage of central pool stocks is 746.07 lakh MT.

For augmentation of storage capacity, Government has formulated a scheme called Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme for construction of covered storage capacity through Private Entrepreneurs, Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) & State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs). Under this Scheme, storage capacity is created by private parties, CWC, SWCs and other State Agencies for guaranteed hiring by FCI. Under PEG scheme, a capacity of 203.76 lakh MT has been approved for construction of godowns at various locations in 19 states. Out of this, a capacity of 145.38 lakh MT has been sanctioned/ allotted to private investors, CWC and SWCs. A capacity of 73.02 lakh MT has already been completed. Further, as per the target, another 57 lakh MT capacity is to be added by March 2014 under this scheme. For ensuring long-term scientific storage, the Government has also approved construction of 20 lakh MTs of storage capacity in silos within the overall sanctioned capacity of the PEG Scheme through the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.

Over and above, under the Plan Scheme there is a proposal to augment 6,10,860 KIT capacity Food Grain Godown by FCI during 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17). This includes 5,34,640 MT alone in North East Areas including Sikkim and 76,220 MT capacity in the areas other than North East.

The General Managers (Region)/ Executive Directors (Zone) have also been delegated with powers for hiring of storage capacity from Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs), State Agencies and Private Parties for storage of foodgrains as per their requirement in view of their storage needs, (c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The details of recruitment drives undertaken by the FCI are as under:-

Year Number of posts advertised ; ind status

Category. I Category. II Category. III
2011-12 - - 3755

(Combined recruitment for Assistant Grade.III Genl./Depot/Technical and Accounts cadres and Hindi posts (Assistant Grade.II & Typist)-was advertised in 29 October-04 November 2011 and list of recommended candidates declared by Staff Selection Commission (SSC) on 18 August, 2012 and joining is under process. As on

15.07.2013, 1717 candidates have
joined).

2012-13 - - 6545

(Combined recruitment for
Assistant Grade.III Genl./
Depot/Technical and Accounts
cadres was advertised during 25th -
31st August 2012 through SSC.
Written examination for Paper I & II
has taken place in November 2012
and April 2013 respectively. Results
are awaited).

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from 02.07.2013)
06.08.2013)