

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:67

ANSWERED ON:10.12.2013

STORAGE SPACE

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

- (a) whether a large quantity of foodgrains is allowed to rot or go waste due to shortage of adequate storage space;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the storage capacity required, available and hired by FCI along with the quantum of foodgrains produced, procured, stored and damaged during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the steps taken including involvement of the private sector for creation of additional storage space in various States along with the assistance provided by the Government and the storage capacity created during the said period, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken for proper storage and management of foodgrains to check damages and ensure proper utilisation of foodgrains under welfare schemes?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO 67 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 10.12.2013 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a) No Madam, foodgrains have not been damaged due to the lack of storage space. However, a small quantity does become Non-Issuable/Damaged due to, rain, pests and other natural causes.

(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	Capacity with state agencies	Total Storage central pool	Grand Total	Stock position of
	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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This also includes rice in terms of paddy which is mainly stored with the rice miller

The storage capacity requirement of FCI depends upon the procurement levels, buffer stocking and PDS requirement of the States. Hiring and de-hiring of storage capacities by FCI is also undertaken to meet short term variations in storage requirements.

State wise details of storage capacity available with FCI and State agencies for storage of central pool stocks for the last 3 years and as on 31.10.13 are at Annex- I, II, III & IV.

State wise details of central pool stocks for the last 3 years and as on 31.10.13 are at Annex- V and VI.

State-wise statement showing production and procurement of wheat and rice during the last three years and 2013-14 (i.e. 31-10-2013) are at Annex- VII and VIII.

The details of the quantum of Non-Issuable foodgrains for the last three and current years (upto Oct'2013) is given below:

Year Quantity of Non-Issuable
(In Lakh MT)

2010-11 0.063

2011-12 0.033

2012-13 0.031

2013-14 0.21

(up to Oct,2013)

(c) Government of India/FCI has formulated a scheme called Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme in the year 2008 and 2009 for construction of storage capacity through Private Entrepreneurs, CWC & SWCs, which will be guaranteed for hiring by FCI. A capacity of 82.00 lakh MT has already been completed. The State wise details of completed capacity under PEG Scheme are at Annex-IX. In addition, there is a proposal to construct SILOS for 20 lakh ton capacity under Public Private Partnership scheme. The capacity completed during the last three years under the PEG Scheme is as under:

Year Capacity Completed (in LMT)

2010-11 2.0

2011-12 26.17

2012-13 41.75

2013-14 12.08

(upto 31.10.13)

Total 82.00

Funds are also released as grants-in-aid to the State Governments of the North-Eastern States for construction of intermediate storage godowns under the Plan Scheme. Funds have been released to the State Government of Assam, Mizoram, Sikkim, Tripura Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir. The State-wise details during the last three years are as under:-

Figures in Rs. crores

Name of the State Year of Release

2010-11 2011-12 2012-13

Jammu & Kashmir 0.29

Mizoram 6.82

Tripura 5.14 8.00

Arunachal Pradesh 3.71

Nagaland 2.00

Total 5.00 11.96 10.00

The capacity completed under Plan Scheme during the last 3 years is given as below:

YEAR CAPACITY COMPLETED

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

(d) The Steps taken by FCI to preserve the quality of procured foodgrains during storage are at Annex-X.