

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

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

- (a) the details of foodgrains procured in Bihar by Central Government/State Government/Food Corporation of India during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)/Bihar State Warehousing Corporation are facing shortage of adequate storage capacity for storing foodgrains in the State;
- (c) if so, whether the Central Warehousing Corporation has not built any godowns in the rural areas of the State;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the number of additional godowns proposed to be built during the next couple of years;
- (e) whether there have been a delay in payment of procurement price to the farmers in the State; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the remedial steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

(a): The details of foodgrains procured in Bihar by Central Government/State Government / Food Corporation of India during each of the last three years are as under-

(figure in lakh tones)

Wheat	Rice#		
Rabi	Procurement	Kharif	Procurement
Marketing	Marketing		
Season	Season		
(RMS)	(KMS)		

2012-13	7.72	2011-12	15.34
2013-14	0.00	2012-13	13.03
2014-15	0.00	2013-14	9.42
2015-16	0.00	2014-15	12.12

#Rice includes paddy in terms of rice.

(b): Yes, Madam.

(c) & (d): The Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) is operating 16 warehouses in the State of Bihar including rural areas with a total storage capacity of 1.20 lakh MT as on 1st March, 2015. Additional storage capacity (godowns) have been constructed in the follo-

wing rural areas of the state of Bihar:

Centre Year Capacity in MT

1. Nokha 2014-15 1920 MT
(completed)
1 unit
2. Supaul 2014-15 1280 MT
(The work
is in final
stage of
completion)
1 unit
3. Mahania 2013-14 1200 MT -01
Unit completed

Under Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) scheme, District wise storage gap was calculated by the State Level Committees (SLCs) and a Capacity of 9.40 lakh MT was approved by the High Level Committee (HLC) for creation in Bihar under the Scheme. Out of this, a capacity of 40,000 MT is being created by CWC and status thereof is as under-

Centre Year Capacity in MT

1. Munger 2014-15 10000 MT
(completed)-
2 units
2. Bettiah 2014-15 20000 MT
(The work
is in final
stage of
completion)
4 units
3. Khageria 2014-15 10000 MT
(The work is
in final stage
of completion)-
2 units

(e): The Bihar Government has adopted decentralised procurement (DCP) system in the State from 2013-14 onwards. Therefore, the procurement is made by the Bihar State Food Corporation in association with Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies and Vyapar Mandals and online payments of procurement price to the farmers is being made by State Govt.

(f): In view of reply to part (e) above, question does not arise.