

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

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STORAGE CAPACITY

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

- (a) whether proposals have been received from the States for creation of storage space, if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (b) the details of area available with various Government agencies for the purpose godowns, agency and State-wise;
- (c) whether the storage space presently available with the Government agencies is being utilised, optimally;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor indicating the total space available and utilised during each of the last three years, agency-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken to ensure optimum utilisation of this storage space?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)

(a): At present, there are no proposals from the States for creation of storage space. Government of India has formulated a scheme called Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) scheme for creation of storage capacity of about 200 Lakh MT in 20 states in Public Private Partnership mode. As on 31st October, 2014, a capacity of 120.67 lakh MTs has been completed in this scheme. Government is also utilizing Plan funds for construction of godowns mainly in the North Eastern States.

(b): Land is available with various Government agencies roughly as per the following scale: area 2 acres for first 5000 MT & 1.70 acres for additional capacity of each 5000 MT or part thereof. Godowns with railway siding have land of sufficient length to accommodate full rake of wagons. However, the actual size varies from place to place as per geographical features of the site.

(c) & (d): Yes Sir. Food Corporation of India (FCI) manages the Central stock of food grains. Average utilisation of storage capacity owned and hired by FCI during the last three years i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and current year 2014-15 (upto October 2014), is given below.

Year	Capacity/ Stock	Covered Own	Covered Hired	CAP - Own	CAP- Hired	Total
2011-12	Capacity 129.96	168.26	26.35	7.96	332.53	
	Stocks 100.14	148.31	11.51	7.19	267.15	
	Utilization(%) 77.05	88.14	43.67	90.36	80.34	
2012-13	Capacity 130.03	130.03	26.37	11.52	141.55	
	Stocks 102.22	102.22	12.78	10.07	112.29	
	Utilization(%) 78.61	78.61	48.48	87.43	79.33	
2013-14	Capacity 129.99	218.95	26.38	7.42	382.74	
	Stocks 85.26	179.32	9.42	5.54	279.54	
	Utilization(%) 65.59	81.90	35.71	74.66	73.04	
2014-15	Capacity 130.12	222.94	26.38	4.50	383.94	
	Stocks 81.33	189.55	8.74	3.55	283.17	
	Utilization(%) 62.50	85.02	33.13	78.94	73.75	

(e) Considering the operational difficulties, 75 % capacity utilization is the norm for storage in FCI. Optimum utilization of its capacity

is ensured through meticulous planning and monitoring of stocks and movement of food grains from procuring to consuming states.