

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

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HIRING OF GODOWNS
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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 formulated any policy regarding hiring of godowns on rent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number and details of godowns hired during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the FCI has refused to hire some of the godowns built in accordance with the designs and specifications provided by it and the financial contribution made by the concerned person on technical grounds; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such godowns, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): To supplement its own capacity, Food Corporation of India (FCI) hires godowns from Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs) or State agencies. Private godowns are hired depending on the requirement for short durations, in case adequate vacant storage space or godowns are not available in CWC/SWCs/State agencies. The total number of godowns hired year-wise is given below.

As on No. of
Godowns
Hired

31/03/2011	1107
31/03/2012	1192
31/03/2013	1433
31/03/2014	1417
30/11/2014	1370

Government of India has formulated a scheme called Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) scheme for augmentation of storage capacity by FCI in Public Private Partnership (PPP). Under this scheme, FCI pays guaranteed hiring charges for 10 years in case of private investors and 9 years in case of CWC, SWCs and other State agencies. Year-wise details of godowns hired under the PEG Scheme are as under:-

Year Capacity
(in MT)

2010-11	2,00,000
2011-12	26,16,870
2012-13	20,25,935
2013-14	37,26.779
2014-15	18,77,328

(till Oct,
2014)
Total 1,04,46,912

(c)&(d): No Madam. Till date, FCI has not declined to hire any of the godowns built in accordance with the designs and specifications provided by the FCI under PEG Scheme.