

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5740
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH APRIL, 2022**

EXPANSION OF WAREHOUSING FACILITIES IN TAMIL NADU

5740. DR. T.R.PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to expand the warehousing facilities for storage of paddy and other vegetables in Perambalur Parliamentary constituency of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether such proposal is likely to be considered for implementation in future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
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(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

(a) to (d): Food Corporation of India (FCI) stores Wheat & Rice after procurement for Public Distribution System (PDS) operation and to maintain buffer stock.

FCI continuously assesses and monitors the storage capacity and based on the storage gap assessment, storage capacities are created/hired through the following schemes:-

1. Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme
2. Central Sector Scheme (CSS)
3. Construction of Silo's under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode
4. Hiring of godown from Central Warehousing Corporation (CWCs)/ State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs)/State Agencies
5. Hiring of godown through Private Warehousing Scheme (PWS)

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Tamil Nadu being a Decentralized Procurement State, procurement, storage and distribution under National Food Security Act (NFSA)/ Other Welfare Schemes (OWS) is handled by State Govt. to the extent of procurement. FCI comes in picture in case of surplus procurement, where stocks are moved out to consuming states or in case of deficit where the stocks are inducted in.

Further, Horticulture Division of Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing Mission for integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) under which financial assistance is provided for various horticulture activities including setting up of cold storages through State Governments. The component is demand/ entrepreneur-driven from among entrepreneurs, private companies, cooperatives, farmers groups etc through commercial ventures for which financial assistance at the rate of 35 % of admissible project cost in general areas and 50 % in hilly and scheduled area is available as credit linked back ended subsidy.
