

Natarajan, Shri P.R. FCI Godowns Rent

Title: Re: Need to review the policy for renting out of FCI godowns.

SHRI P. R. NATARAJAN (COIMBATORE): This is to state and to express my deep concern regarding the monetization policy proposed by the Union Government to rent out FCI Godowns to CWCI private parties which is very dangerous to the country.

The availability of foodgrains without wastage and the food safety of the people of our country is needed. Huge expenditure is incurred by the Government annually for hiring private godowns for foodgrain stock. In the long run, if this rent out policy is implemented, it will force the Government to depend on foreign and private companies, incurring even more expenditure for rent. The monetization policy will endanger food grains supply, specifically the Public Distribution System and food safety will be destroyed. Hence, I request the Union Government to desist from the proposal of renting out the FCI godown to CWC/private corporations. Instead, I strongly suggest that the Government should focus on strengthening the FCI godowns for the safety of food stock. This will ensure that the food grains are stored properly without wastage and are readily available for the public.

Therefore, I urge upon the Union Government to take necessary policy decision to desist from the proposal of renting out FCI godowns and also desist from the monetization programme proposed by the Government.