

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 539
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD JULY, 2025

SILOS IN PUNJAB

539. SMT. HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL:

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

- (a) the details of current number of silos in Punjab and their combined capacity;
- (b) whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) is planning to construct more silos for storage of foodgrains in Punjab and if so, the number of silos proposed to be constructed, district-wise alongwith the tentative date of their completion;
- (c) the total transportation cost from Mandi to Silos for wheat per quintal incurred by the FCI during the last five years and the current year; and
- (d) the details of reasons for significantly reducing of commission of wheat from Rs. 46/quintal to Rs. 23/quintal, the commission paid to arhtiyas (commission agents) in Punjab?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a): Currently there are 15 operational Silos in Punjab with total storage capacity of 9.65 LMT. Details are at **Annexure-I**.

(b): Silos of 10.875 LMT capacity at 26 locations are under construction in Punjab. Details are at **Annexure-II**.

Further, tenders for a capacity of 7.125 LMT at 16 locations are under evaluation for construction of Silos in Punjab. Details are at **Annexure-III**.

(c): Transportation cost of wheat incurred by FCI (From Mandi to Silo) (Rs. Per quintal):-

Year	Amritsar	Faridkot	Gurdaspur	Ludhiana	Moga	Patiala	Sangrur
2020-21	No Wheat Receipt	No Wheat Receipt	No Wheat Receipt	27.81	27.81	No Wheat Receipt	27.81
2021-22	No Wheat Receipt	No Wheat Receipt	No Wheat Receipt	27.81	27.81	No Wheat Receipt	No Wheat Receipt
2022-23	No Wheat Receipt	24.40	No Wheat Receipt	27.81	27.81	22.77	No Wheat Receipt
2023-24	53.4	23.40	47.75	27.81	27.81	25.05	34.30
2024-25*	48.89	25.6	35	27	35.38	27.56	27.56
2025-26*	51.62	24.4	39	27	40.48	30.11	30.11

*Tentative rates as state agencies has not submitted the claims.

(d): Due to lesser number of activities involved in procurement of wheat under Silo operations through Arthiyas, the commission to Arthiyas has been reduced. The aforesaid practice is uniformly applicable across all States, in silo operations, including Punjab

Operational Silos in Punjab:

SL	Location	Agency (FCI/ State Govt)	Capacity (in LMT)
1.	Moga	FCI	2.00
2.	Kotkapura	FCI	0.25
3.	Barnala	FCI	0.50
4.	Patiala	FCI	0.50
5.	Sangrur	FCI	1.00
6.	Batala	FCI	0.50
7.	Chhehreata	FCI	0.50
8.	Sahnewal	FCI	0.50
9.	Malout	FCI	1.50
10.	Jagraon	FCI	0.20
11.	Moga	FCI	0.20
12.	Sunam	State Govt	0.50
13.	Malerkotla	State Govt	0.50
14.	Ahmedgarh	State Govt	0.50
15.	Mulechak	State Govt	0.50
Total			9.65

Note: Silos at SI No. 10 & 11 are concrete silos.

Under Construction Silos in Punjab

SL	Location	Capacity in LMT
1	Dhuri	0.5
2	Moonak	0.375
3	Dirba	0.25
4	Khanauri	0.25
5	Patiala	0.5
6	Samana	0.75
7	Patran	0.75
8	Mehalkalan	0.375
9	Sehna	0.25
10	Tapa	0.375
11	Dhanaula	0.25
12	Jaito	0.5
13	Faridkot	0.75
14	Sadiq	0.25
15	Payal	0.25
16	Macchiwara	0.375
17	Khanna	0.375
18	Ludhiana	0.25
19	Bariwala	0.25
20	Killanwali	0.375
21	Panniwala	0.25
22	Mehrajwala	0.25
23	Muktsar	1.00
24	Bhaliana	0.375
25	Gidderbaha	0.5
26	Abohar	0.5
	Total	10.875

Silos under tender evaluation in Punjab:

Sl.No	Location	Capacity in MT
1	Between Bhatinda and Rampuraphul	50,000
2	Bhuchchu	37,500
3	Maur	50,000
4	Goniana	50,000
5	Budhlada	50,000
6	Mansa	25,000
7	Bhikhi	50,000
8	Sardulgarh	50,000
9	Bareta	25,000
10	Phillaur	50,000
11	Dudhan	50,000
12	Muktsar	50,000
13	Moga	50,000
14	Shakot	25,000
15	Zira	50,000
16	Dharamkot	50,000
	Total	7,12,500
