

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2649
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2003
PROBLEMS OF WAREHOUSING CORPORATIONS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of Central Warehousing Corporation godowns are lying vacant in various States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the reasons therefor alongwith the loss suffered due to non utilisation of these godowns; and
- (d) the corrective measures taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SREENVASA PRASAD)

(a)&(b): State-wise storage capacity of warehouses of the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and percentage utilization as on 1.7.2003 is indicated in the annexure.

(c): Lower foodgrains production & procurement due to drought conditions, export of foodgrains and higher off-take under various schemes of Government are the main reasons for reduction in occupancy level of warehouses of CWC.

(d): Steps have been taken by CWC to improve occupancy level of its warehouses which include marketing for new business and diversification. The occupancy level of warehouses of CWC is expected to improve as the foodgrains production during current year is expected to be higher as compared to the last year.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2649 DUE FOR ANSWER 08-2003 IN THE LOK SABHA.

STATE-WISE TOTAL CAPACITY AND % OF UTILISATION OF CENTRAL WAREHOUSING CORPORATION (CWC) AS (JULY, 2003.

(FIGURES IN METRIC TONNES)

STATES/UTs. NUMBER OF TOTAL % OF UTILISATION
 WAREHOUSES CAPACITY

ANDHRA PRADESH	49	1336435	44
ASSAM	5	46307	52
BIHAR	12	92179	93
CHANDIGARH	1	14187	83
CHHATTISGARH	10	259939	89
DELHI	11	136343	98
GOA	2	30400	49
GUJARAT	29	493058	55
HARYANA	27	472708	76
HIMACHAL PRADESH	2	5370	69
JHARKHAND	3	33950	85
KARNATAKA	37	475632	72
KERALA	8	103939	58
MADHYA PRADESH	31	690050	85
MAHARASHTRA	48	1230204	68
NAGALAND	1	13000	92
ORISSA	12	181406	38
PONDICHERRY	1	9915	94
PUNJAB	31	850034	67
RAJASTHAN	28	331162	61

TAMIL NADU	25	658891	46
TRIPURA	2	24000	70
UTTARANCHAL	7	75490	57
UTTAR PRADESH	52	1067996	69
WEST BENGAL	40	601765	68