



## MAHARASHTRA STATE WAREHOUSING CORPORATION

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# CHAPTER-I

## INTRODUCTION

Maharashtra State Warehousing Corporation is one of the oldest State Warehousing Corporation in the country, established on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 1957, under the Agriculture Produce (Development & Storage) Act, 1956, which was subsequently replaced by the Warehousing Corporations Act, 1962. It started with 3 Warehousing Centre and had grown up to the extent of **198** Centre as at present with a total average capacity of **20.66** Lakh MTs as on **31.12.2018**.

### FUNCTIONS OF MSWC:

1. To acquire and build warehouses at suitable places within the State.
2. To run Warehouses for the storage of agricultural produce, seeds, manures, fertilizers, agricultural implements and notified commodities offered by individuals, cooperative societies and other institutions.
3. To arrange facilities for transport of agricultural produce, seeds, manures, fertilizers, agricultural implements and notified commodities to and from Warehouses.
4. To act as an agent of the State Government for the purpose of purchase, sale, storage and distribution of agricultural produce, seeds, manures, fertilizers, agricultural implements and notified commodities;
5. Carry out such other functions, as may be prescribed.

As per the Act, MSWC has got two Shareholders, one is Government of Maharashtra and another is Central Warehousing Corporation with 50% Shares each. It has got Chairman & Managing Director at its Corporate Office in Pune with 10 Nos. of Board of Directors. Out of which 5 Directors are nominated by Government of Maharashtra and 5 Directors are nominated by Central Warehousing Corporation.

Initially the State Warehousing Corporation started with the business of storage of stocks from primary producers and local traders and the business was restricted only to the Storage of foodgrains stocks accepted on Warehouse Receipts. However, with the changing times and needs, some more notified commodities were accepted. Thereafter the stocks of Civil Supplies were accepted for storage & handling, followed by Food Corporation of India foodgrains and fertilizers on the same lines. Due to rise of fertilizers production in the country the storage of fertilizers from different fertilizer Companies was started.

The Corporation is at present storing various commodities and running many types of warehouses. Mainly the Corporation is storing agricultural produce and agricultural inputs on large scale. The Corporation is also successful in attracting the storage of Cotton Bales on large scale.

MSWC has started with the business of storage of stocks from primary producers and local traders and the services were given to the traders by storing the foodgrains stocks on Warehouse Receipts. MSWC is at present storing various commodities like Foodgrains, Fertilizers, Cotton Bales, Industrial goods, Sugar, Bonded goods, etc. MSWC gives 50% rebate on storage charges to the farmers.

MSWC store the foodgrains on behalf of Food Corporation of India (FCI) throughout the Maharashtra. As & when space required by FCI, MSWC is being providing the space to FCI. At present MSWC manage the Civil Supplies work at Nagpur on behalf of the Government of Maharashtra. MSWC is acting as a nodal agency to manage the foodgrain stocks storage, preservation of stocks, handling of the stocks

Total Storage Capacity of MSWC as on **31.12.2018** is **20.66** Lakh MTs, out of which owned storage Capacity is **15.73** Lakh and hired Capacity is **3.38** Lakh MTs and PPP storage Capacity is **1.55** Lakh. The details of the storage capacity and its utilization during last 3 years are as under.-

Year	Total average Storage Capacity in Lakh M.T.	Utilisation of average storage capacity in Lakh M.T.	Average percentage of Utilisation
2016-17	17.01	11.86	70%
2017-18	18.91	16.46	87%
2018-19 (Upto Dec-2018)	20.66	17.25	83%

### **A GRAIN SAVED IS A GRAIN PRODUCED**

The Corporation is continuously creating its own constructed capacity. Even then with the changing face of Trade & Commerce with the liberalization Policy, the competition in the field of warehousing is also increasing and many private warehouses are coming up around cities. The business of Warehousing Corporations not being of monopolistic nature, we have to face the challenges and we are sure to overcome the situation with the zeal & zest that our employees and officers have. This high level of service has made Corporation to achieve profit, through services.

### **OBJECTIVE OF HELPING THE FARMERS**

Maharashtra State Warehousing Corporation has introduced measures for providing economical services to the farmers. They store their primary produce on Warehouse Receipts. Farmers can get the loan of 70% value of the stock stored in MSWC godowns by pledging the Warehouse Receipts in the Bank. Promoting the farmers to avail the facilities of scientific storage, substantial rebate to the primary producers & farmers is given by the Corporation to the tune of 50% of the storage charges.

### **DIVERSIFICATION OF BUSINESS**

#### **Public Bonded Warehousing:**

The Corporation has been operating Public Custom Bonded Warehouses by obtaining a license from Custom Authorities as per the Section 57 of the Customs Act, 1962. At present the Corporation is operating the Public Bonded Warehouses at (1) Vashi, (2) Kalamboli, (3) Taloja, (4) Panvel, (5) Dronagiri Node & (6) Nagpur.

## **CONTAINER FREIGHT STATION (CFS)**

MSWC has started the project of CFS for import-export transactions at Dronagiri Node, Navi Mumbai. The project includes export shed, import shed, bonded shed at Dronagiri Node. Following are the main features of CFS :-

### A) Total area of plot

Corporation has already developed 29010 sq.mtr. for the CFS and additional 6600 sq.mtr adjacent plot is under development. Hence, the total area of the plot for the CFS is 35,610 sq.mtr.

### B) Container Freight Station covered shed is divided into 3 parts.

Export Shed	-	3600 sq.mtr.
Import Shed	-	2525 sq.mtr.

#### Public Bonded Shed-

- 1) Ground Floor - 1092.320 sq.mtr.
- 2) First Floor West - 258.000 sq.mtr.
- 3) First Floor East - 1065.000 sq.mtr.
- 4) Second Floor West- 917.250 sq.mtr.

## **NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY AWARD**

The Corporation maintained its reputation of winning the awards for the best performance. Consecutively for the nine years the Corporation has won the “**National Productivity Award**” of National Productivity Council, New Delhi.

## **FUTURE PLANNING**

Carrying out the survey to meet the requirement of storage of farmers, traders, industrialists, exporters, importers, private institutions, Government institutions and constructing the storage capacity is ongoing process of the Corporation. Corporation has increased the storage capacity during 2019-20 to 2023-24 every year 50,000 MT. Corporation has planned to construct the storage capacity of 71640 M.T.

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