

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4473
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2005
ACTIVITIES OF FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering any proposal for diverting some of the activities of Food Corporation of India (FCI) to other agencies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any Expert Committee has been setup or consultancy firm has been hired to carry out the exercise; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No, sir.

(b), (c) & (d): Do not arise. However, the Government has approved the appointment of M/s McKinsey & Co. by the Food Corporation of India to conduct a study with the objective of bringing about major improvement in the functioning of the FCI to control inefficiencies that increase the food subsidy burden.