

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

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INDO-CHINA COOPERATION IN FOOD MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China are exploring new avenues for extending bilateral cooperation in the field of food management including preservation of foodgrain stocks; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the current status of the negotiations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b) : India and China have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Cooperation in the field of Agriculture in March, 2006. The MoU aims to promote cooperation in the field of agriculture and relevant sub-sectors. A Government of India delegation led by Minister of State for Agriculture, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution with representatives of Department of Food & Public Distribution, Food Corporation of India (FCI) and Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) visited China in June 2010 to study modern methods of foodgrain storage and handling. The Chinese authorities have responded positively to cooperate in the area of grain storage technology.