

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

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

- (a) whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has undertaken/proposes to undertake computerisation project for networking of all its godowns spread across the country for better inventory management;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the project is likely to be completed alongwith the cost involved therein?

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): Yes, Madam. Food Corporation of India has undertaken a project for computerization of stocks under Integrated Information System for Foodgrains Management (IISFM). The IISFM Project was undertaken as a Plan Scheme with a total estimated cost of Rs.97.66 Crore in August, 2003 with objective to put in place an on-line MIS for stock position in any FCI Depot at any given point of time.

For implementation of the project, a Tripartite Agreement was entered by FCI, National Informatics Centre (NIC) and National Informatics Centre Services Incorporated (NICS) on 24/09/2003. As per the agreement, NIC is the overall consultant of the project on turnkey basis; NICS is supplying hardware, software and support services.

Scope of the project was widened in October, 2005 to include 'Financial Accounting of FCI' & 'Computerization of State Agencies' of major procuring/distributing States.

IISFM software is divided in two Modules – District Module and Depot Module. District Module is fully operational since June, 2006. Depot Module is in an advanced stage of implementation.

(c): Target date of completion of the project as per MoU signed with Ministry of CAF&PD is 31st December, 2009. Total estimated cost of IISFM Project is Rs.97.66 crore.