

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

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FOODGRAIN MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a visiting Chinese delegation recently held discussions regarding foodgrain management and distribution with Indian agencies;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the assistance sought by the Union Government to avail the Chinese technology in foodgrain management and the response of the Chinese delegation thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A 6-member Chinese delegation led by Mr. Nie Zhenbang, Administrator of State Administration of Grain(SAG), People's Republic of China visited Department of Food & Public Distribution on 18.04.2012 and held delegation level talks during which experiences of the two countries in the area of grain distribution including latest situation of grain production, consumption, storage, quality inspection, processing and trade have been shared.

(c): Although discussions on various issues related with foodgrains management were held between Chinese and Indian delegations, they were restricted to only sharing and exchange of information and no assistance was sought by Indian Government on any of these subjects.