

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

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GRAIN STORAGE MANAGEMENT

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Grain Storage Management and Research Institute for Post Harvest Management of Foodgrains;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the salient features of the said MoU; and
- (d) the extent to which the crop losses of foodgrains will be checked after the implementation of said MoU?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): No, Madam. Government has not signed any memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Indian Grain Storage Management and Research Institute (IGMRI) for post harvest management of foodgrains. However, with a view to develop IGMRI – an institute under the Department of Food & Public Distribution as a Centre of Excellence for the purpose of training in the field of post harvest management of foodgrains, a MoU has been signed between Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and Department of Food & Public Distribution. As per the MoU, the CWC will take over the management of training functions and related facilities of the IGMRI, Hapur for developing it as a Centre of Excellence for the purpose of training in the field of post harvest management of foodgrains.