

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

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

(a) whether the Government has prepared a National Foodgrain Movement Plan for efficient movement of foodgrains throughout the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Yes Madam. Food Corporation of India (FCI) prepares monthly foodgrain movement plan considering the following factors:-

- i. Stock available in the surplus regions.
- ii. PDS and other requirement in the consuming regions.
- iii. Storage capacity available in the surplus and consuming regions

Keeping these factors in view, destination wise requirement of foodgrains is worked out by FCI. A computer program for FCI using Linear Programming model has been created by the renowned consultants Mckinsey Ltd. For optimizing movement costs, FCI inputs the source-wise availability and destination wise requirement of foodgrains into this programme and rake plan involving minimum freight cost is generated FCI places indents with Railways according to the linear programming model.

A Co-ordination Committee to monitor foodgrain movement has also been formed in which JS (P&FCI), Department of Food & Public Distribution ED (T), FCI and ED (TTF), Railway Board are the members. Weekly meeting of the Committee are held in which all issues related to movement of foodgrains including movement as per linear program are sorted out. Joint coordination committees of Railway Board and FCI have also been set up at Zonal and Regional levels for ensuring a close collaboration