

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has introduced the Depot Online System/Programme in the Food Corporation of India (FCI);
- (b) if so, the details and the benefits thereof along with the manner in which it is likely to check leakage of foodgrains from FCI godowns; and
- (c) the present status of implementation of the programme and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): The Government has approved implementation of the Depot Online Project in FCI with the objective of automating the operations of FCI at the depot level and this includes procurement, storage and movement of foodgrains. The Depot Online Project will bring in efficiency and reliability in the operations of FCI & help the FCI in managing its operations better.

The Depot Online System will help fix accountability and responsibility at depot level for storage losses of foodgrains and all depot operations will be online right from the point of entry of foodgrains till the exit of the same.

(c): As per the approved action plan, FCI has selected the project consultants for managing the implementation of the project. NIC has helped FCI to select the Software Development Agency and accordingly NICS I has been requested to provide the Proforma Invoice for Software Development & Rollout. The project is to be implemented in a timeframe of six months from the date of signing of contract by NICS I with the Software Development Agency.