

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

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

- (a) whether the Union Government propose to set up food banks for the poor people of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether a target date for making India hunger free on August 15, 2007 has been decided; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( S. KRISHNAM RAJU )

(a)&(b): A revised scheme on Grain Banks to provide against safeguards during periods of natural calamities or during the lean season when rural people do not have purchasing power in areas which are endemic drought prone having large scale migration and calamity oriented particularly tribal areas is under consideration.

(c)&(d): The Agricultural Development strategy for the Ninth Five Year Plan was essentially based on the policy of food security announced by the Government to double food production and make India hunger free in the next ten years. In the inaugural address by the Hon`ble Prime Minister at the National Consultation on `Towards Hunger Free India` in April 2001 it was resolved to make the mission `Hunger Free India` successful by 2007.