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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
LOK SABHA**

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COMPUTERISATION PROJECT OF FCI

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

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has any proposal for computerisation project of networking all its godowns spread across the country for better inventory management;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the project will be completed including the cost thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The major objective of the upgradation of the Management Information System is to put in place an online MIS which will give the stock position in any depot at any given point of time. The existing practice of collecting information/ data is time consuming and costly. With the introduction of computerization from depot level onwards, the accuracy of relevant data will improve, facilitate quicker analysis and timely reporting etc. This would also assist the management to take correct and appropriate decisions. The project shall result in financial savings and better operational efficiency at different levels of the organization.

The project will be implemented in 3 phases commencing from 2003-04 covering all the Depots, District Offices, Regional Offices, Zonal Offices including the Corporation's Headquarters at New Delhi. In the 1st phase 87 Districts and 45 Depots will be covered apart from all the Regional offices, Zonal offices and FCI HQrs, with appropriate number of nodes and configuration.

(c): The project is to be completed by 2005-06. The tentative budget allocation for the project is Rs.97.66 crores.