

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:668
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FOODGRAINS STORAGE IN PLASTIC BAGS
PALANIYAPPA GOUNDER KUMARASAMY

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

- (a) whether Indian Grain Storage Management and Research Institute, Hapur asked to study the suitability of plastic bags for storing foodgrains has submitted its report to the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the shelf life of foodgrains stored in the bags?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SRI M. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Indian Grain Storage Management and Research Institute (IGMRI), Hapur, based on the findings of its short term study has suggested that anti-slip PP/HDPE bags may be used for storage of foodgrains in a phased manner.

(c) The shelf life of foodgrains stored in PP/HDPE bags would be known after the completion of long term study of PP/HDPE bags for the storage of foodgrains proposed to be conducted by the IGMRI, Hapur.