

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

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

the expenditure incurred on the foreign tours of the officers of the undertakings and corporations under the Ministry during the last two years, undertaking and corporation-wise;

(b) the purpose of such foreign tours;

(c) the efforts made by the Government to check such foreign tours; and

(d) the success achieved therein?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public DISTRIBUTION  
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(a): The expenditure incurred on foreign tours of the officers of the undertakings and corporations under the Department of Consumer Affairs and Department of Food and Public Distribution during the last two years, undertaking and corporation-wise, is given below:-

Name of Undertaking/Corporation	(Rs. In Lakhs) Expenditure incurred	
	2004-05	2005-06
Food Corporation of India	7.51	32.72
Central Warehousing Corporation	9.01	6.66
Hindustan Vegetable Oil Corporation	-	-

(b): The foreign tours of the officers of above undertakings and corporations were undertaken only in exceptional cases in the interest of the Organisation and on account of multilateral requirements to participate in international conferences of FAO, AFMA, International Grain Council, World Rice Conference, Global compact Leaders Summit of the UN, International Conferences on `Controlled Atmosphere & Fumigation in stored products,` International Conferences on Urban Pests etc.

Certain Officers were sent for foreign training programmes to equip themselves with necessary skills/knowledge required by the Organisation in view of the changing global scenario in food & agricultural Sector.

Some foreign tours were undertaken as a field visit which was an intrinsic component of the training programme conducted in India.

(c) & (d): The foreign tours were allowed only in exceptional cases and where it was absolutely necessary.