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PRESS RELEASE

FCI employees to donate a day's salary to PM's Relief Fund for flood victims in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh

- *Increases wheat allocation to 50,000 MT for Uttarakhand*

New Delhi, July 19: In solidarity with the nation's outpouring of help for the calamity-struck Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has decided to donate a day's salary of its employees to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund to mitigate the sufferings of the affected people in the two hilly states.

"In order to mitigate the sufferings of the recent disaster in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, it has been decided that FCI employees, departmental workers and departmental canteen/ tiffin room employees would voluntarily donate at least a day's salary (basic pay + DA) towards the PM's Relief Fund," FCI Chairman and Managing Director Shri C. Viswanath said today.

"This is in keeping with the past practice where FCI has always been in the forefront of providing relief and succor to those affected by natural disasters. The employees, if they wish, can also contribute more generously in excess of one day's basic pay," he added.

FCI has also decided to increase wheat allocation to Uttarakhand to 50,000 metric tonnes (MT) during this month.

FCI normally inducts 15,000 to 20,000 MTs of wheat every month to meet the PDS requirement of Uttarakhand from the nearby states like Punjab and Haryana. "However in view of the calamity, FCI has planned 50000 MTs of wheat for induction during July in Uttarakhand, which has been devastated by cloudbursts, floods and landslides, leaving a trail of death and destruction," Shri Viswanath informed.

As far as rice is concerned, Uttarakhand is surplus in terms of rice procurement vis-à-vis its PDS requirement. Hence, the requirement of rice of some deficit districts of the state is internally made by undertaking intra-regional movement.

FCI has taken adequate measures to beef up its food grains stock in Uttarakhand. As on July 1, FCI's stock position of wheat and rice in that state is 1,49,000 metric tonnes. Of this, rice accounts for 1,14,000 metric tonnes while the share of wheat is 35,000 metric tonnes.

"We have been regularly monitoring our stock position of rice and wheat in its depots in three FCI districts of the state — Dehradun, Haldwani and Srinagar," Mr Viswanath said. "There are ample stocks of foodgrains in Uttarakhand. There is no shortage and we are taking all possible measures to ensure that FCI depots



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in the state have sufficient stocks of wheat and rice to meet the requirements of the people in the affected areas.”

“FCI is fully prepared to meet any further requirement. We have stocked our depots there to the maximum. We can ensure swift movement of additional foodgrains, if the need so arises,” he added.

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