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Press Release

FCI on Recruitment Spree; Hiring 11,000 Employees Ahead of Food Security Law Enactment

New Delhi, July 1: In a massive recruitment drive ahead of the enactment of the Food Security Law, the Food Corporation of India (FCI) is in the process of appointing more than 11,000 new staff, including hundreds in managerial positions.

The state-run FCI, through the Staff Selection Commission (SSC), advertised 3,755 vacancies during 2011, out of which nearly 1,700 officials have already joined. That induction procedure is still in progress.

Another 6,545 vacancies were again advertised for which the written examination stands concluded through SSC. FCI has now advertised 460 vacancies in the managerial cadre (Category II), which may be soon followed by advertising of 30 vacancies in the Assistant General Manager-level Category-I posts.

The new appointments precede the Food Security law under which FCI will need to meet increased requirements of storage and movement of food grains for the Public Distribution System (PDS).

“This is a massive recruitment drive undertaken by the FCI,” said the PSU giant’s Executive Director (Personnel) Dr Devinder Kumar Bhalla. “It is after a long time that we have conducted recruitment at such a big scale,” he added.

Dr Bhalla said the FCI’s stock level was growing along with production level resulting in growing operational requirements to handle the responsibilities on the public-sector corporation that handles stocks of about 800 million tonnes of foodgrains every year.

“The forthcoming Food Security Law will require massive food grain management in the country,” Dr Bhalla said, adding the corporation will also soon go for recruitment in the positions in the management that remain unfilled. “The FCI will advertise all vacant posts for Category I soon,” he said.

The FCI has already completed the recruitment process of category III in first phase. Offer letters are being issued at the Zonal office level and some of the candidates already joined.



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The recruitment for the 6,545 posts in Category III in the second phase is underway. The written examination for this selection has been concluded by SSC and the subsequent process will be completed before issue of offer of appointment.

Under the aforesaid recruitment, in the FCI's North Zone, where the maximum storage of food grains takes place, the total number of vacancies earmarked is 5127, followed by the South Zone with 2556 vacancies. The West Zone will have 1634 vacancies and 1,080 vacancies for East Zone. Northeast Zone getting 363 vacancies.

The FCI is also in the process of modernizing its grain storage facilities ahead of the Food Security law.

Last month, the corporation, in collaboration with the International Finance Corporation, organised a stakeholders' meet in New Delhi as a pre-bidding event for building 2 million tonne capacity silos (state-of-the-art storage facilities) in 42 locations spread across 10 states. The annual requirement of food grains for distribution under PDS once the Food Security law is enacted will be an estimated 62 million tonnes.

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