

Press Release

Hon'ble Minister of State (CA, F&PD) Prof. K.V.Thomas Chaired the Conclave held by the Food Corporation of India on 22.03.2012 at FCI Headquarters, New Delhi to devise a strategy to **"Minimise the Storage & Transit Losses"**. In this regard Hon,ble Minister emphasized that more efforts should be made to offload the stocks through OMSS, Adhoc Allotment and Allotments to poorest districts. He also highlighted the need of mechanising the FCI godown operations in a phased manner and also complimented the FCI's pilot study efforts in this regard at Rajkot, Neora, Bhathinda, Chhehratta and Guwahati and instructed that Internal vigilance and system efficiency measures in this regard also be given the prominence to manage the problem of Storage and Transit losses

He suggested that measures in the form of **'Transit Insurance Policy'** should be taken into consideration to reduce the loss of foodgrains during Rail transit. He also directed that Media interaction and liaison efforts should also be improved to provide the facts to them and to showcase the FCI's achievement in nation building.

In his concluding remarks, Hon'ble Minister stated that with the National Food Security Bill is almost knocking our doors, and as FCI is only the single largest organization for Procurement, Storage, Movement and Distribution in the country. Our responsibility increases manifold in every functional area of Management/Sphere of work towards the fulfilment of the food security in the nation