

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**FCI launches scheme of guaranteed hiring of private godowns for one year with preservation and maintenance of foodgrains.**

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**Due to record level of procurement during the last three years, FCI has been facing the problem of shortage of storage capacity. At the current level of offtake and during Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2010-11, FCI may face temporary shortage of storage capacity in Punjab, Haryana and Andhra Pradesh.**

**In order to address the problem of shortage of storage capacity in short run, FCI has announced a new scheme of guaranteed hiring of private godowns for one year along with preservation and maintenance of food grains for a period of one year. The highlights of the scheme are as under:-**

- 1. Godowns to be hired should be as per CWC specifications.**
- 2. General Managers in regions have been delegated powers to decide their requirement of hiring storage capacity at specific locations. Model Tender Form may be downloaded from FCI's website [www.fciweb.nic.in](http://www.fciweb.nic.in)**

**For overcoming the problem of storage capacity in long run, FCI has already invited bids under 7/10 year guarantee schemes. These bids are at various stages of evaluation. So far 3.67 lakh tones capacity has been approved for construction by State Level Committee (SLC)/ High Level Committee (HLC) in four States i.e. J&K(1.64 lakh tones), Tamilnadu (1.35 lakh tones), Haryana(0.28lakh tones) and Rajasthan(0.40 lakh tones).**

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