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### INDIA DONATES 2.5 LAKH TONNE OF WHEAT TO AFGANISTAN FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA TO ARRANGE SUPPLIES

The Government of India has decided to gift 2.5 lakh tonne of wheat to the people of Afganistan as a goodwill gesture and to further strengthen the bilateral ties between the two countries. This donation will help the Afganistan government to tide over the food crisis caused due to drought conditions there.

The supplies will be arranged by the Food Corporation of India from the central pool stocks of recently procured wheat during Rabi Marketing season 2011-12. Initially one lakh tonne of wheat ex Gandhidham godowns of the Food Corporation of India will be issued to M/s Agility Logistic Private Ltd., the agency nominated by the Ministry of External Affairs Government of India for transportation to Kandla port. The said agency has already been appointed by the Government of Afganistan for transportation of wheat from Kandla Port to Afganistan via Karachi Port.

The said agency has already commenced the inspection and lifting of stock from the Food Corporation of India godowns.