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C Viswanath is new FCI CMD

New Delhi, June 5: The Food Corporation of India (FCI) got a new head, as senior bureaucrat C Viswanath of the Andhra Pradesh cadre took charge as the Chairman and Managing Director of the mammoth public sector undertaking.

Mr. Viswanath, a 1981-batch IAS officer, is currently on a seven-year central deputation. His previous posting was as Additional Secretary with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

In the 1965-founded FCI, he replaces Dr. Amar Singh, who demitted office as CMD on May 28, 2013.

Mr. Viswanath has earlier served as Joint Secretary with the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and worked in the same capacity with the Department of Food and Public Distribution Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority, among other key posts.

The Corporation is primarily tasked with the procurement, storage and movement of two major cereal grains — wheat and rice. As one of India's largest corporations and the largest supply chain management in Asia, FCI operates through five zonal and 26 regional offices spread all over India.

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