

Press Release

Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C) CA, F&PD, Prof. K.V.Thomas Chaired the Performance Review meeting held by the Food Corporation of India on 13.06.2012 at FCI Headquarters, New Delhi. He reviewed the progress of constructions of godowns under PEG scheme and hiring of godowns for creation of additional storage capacity so as to preserve the huge stock of wheat and rice. He advised that capacities which have been completed should be taken over by FCI at the earliest. He mentioned that sanction of construction of 20 LMT of SILOs has been given and therefore FCI with the help of State Governments may finalize the locations for this on priority. He also suggested that FCI may persuade and encourage State Governments to undertake scientific CAP construction especially in Wheat procuring States for to meet the storage requirements.

He also emphasized that action plan should be made for safety of foodgrains and Stocks in Open/CAP should be liquidated on priority basis. He said that possibilities for issuing stock in advance on incentive basis to State Governments may also be explored.

He exhorted that FCI pay special attention to the North East States with regard of movement of foodgrains and for construction of godowns. For this purpose FCI may explore the possibilities of involving directly in construction of godowns in these States.