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HLC holds its third meeting on revamp of FCI

New Delhi, Sep 26: Continuing with its string of meetings, a High-Level Committee (HLC) today discussed a series of reports from various stakeholders, including the one from the Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), to improve the overall operations of Food Corporation of India (FCI).

The third meeting of the HLC which functions under the Union Ministry for Food and Consumer Affairs also reviewed the previous reports on improving the efficiency and management practices in the FCI.

The eight-member panel, headed by former Union Minister Shanta Kumar, MP, confirmed the records of the discussion of the second HLC meeting held on September 15.

In its presentation at FCI headquarters here, Executive Directors of Industrial Relations, Information Technology's and Internal Audit shown the previous report of the Hyderabad-based ASCI to the committee in which a number of suggestions with regard to management, human resources, finance, internal audit, besides computerisation of all operations to develop a Management Information System (MIS) for monitoring on real-time basis.

Another presentation was on the report of The Working Group of Consumer Affairs (WGCA).

The other detailed presentations of today were by Further, corporate sector giants like LT Foods, Hind Terminals and Kargil Ltd gave presentations on areas like handling and storage of paddy rice, containerization for increasing efficiency of foodgrains, supply chains & logistics and storage management, respectively.

HLC chairperson Shanta Kumar appreciated the efforts put in by FCI officials for elaborate presentations on various aspects being studied by the committee.
The committee, formed on August 20, is busy looking at their aspects of modernising FCI in a way that would result in large cost savings, besides making the operation more efficient. Next meeting of the HLC committee is scheduled to be held tomorrow.