

Centre walking towards modernizing foodgrain storage infrastructure in the country

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With a view to modernize storage of food grains and to ramp-up the storage capacity for food grains in India, a new model 'Hub & Spoke' Model for implementation in Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode has been proposed.

The proposed Silos will operate under **Design**, **Build**, **Fund**, **Own & Transfer** (**DBFOT**) (FCI's land) and Design, Build, Fund, Own & Operate (DBFOO) mode, through implementing agency i.e. Food Corporation of India (FCI).

Hub and Spoke Model is a transportation system which consolidates the transportation assets from standalone locations referred to as "Spoke" to a central location named as "Hub" for long distance transportation.

Hubs have a dedicated railway siding and container depot facility while the transportation from Spoke to Hub is undertaken through road and from Hub to Hub vai rail.

This model by harnessing the efficiency of railway siding, promotes cost efficiency through bulk storage & movement, reduces cost and time of handling and transportation and simplifies operational complexities in addition to economic development, infrastructure development & employment generation in the country

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