

## Madhya Pradesh Leaders Share Fortification Plans

**Bhopal: February 2, 2011.** Wheat flour is consumed across the state of Madhya Pradesh, making it an ideal vehicle for delivering additional vitamins and minerals to the population. Scott Montgomery, Director of the Flour Fortification Initiative (FFI); Subrata Dutta, Coordinator of the India Flour Fortification Network (IFFN), and R.K. Garg, President of Roller Flour Millers Federation of India (RFMFI), met with Paras Jain, Food and Civil Supplies Minister, Government of Madhya Pradesh to discuss the flour fortification progress.

Scott briefly outlined the role of FFI and IFFN in promoting flour fortification and how this could help eradicate widespread micronutrient deficiency in Madhya Pradesh. The state's flour millers have received training on wheat flour fortification and are



ready to take part in the program, Garg said. He discussed the modality of the wheat grain to be supplied to the local flour mills for implementation of the program.

Scott was assured that the fortification program would be implemented shortly and that an implementation plan has been developed.

Later on, the trio visited R. Ramanujam, Principal Secretary, Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Protection Department to get the latest update of the wheat flour fortification program. Subrata outlined the combined efforts of all the agencies in the flour fortification advocacy in various states of India. The secretary said flour fortification is ready for implementation, and he is very keen to work on this program that would benefit millions of the state population.

The trio also met K. C. Gupta, Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. Referring to the public distribution system, Gupta noted that food distribution is a complex system. The corporation has different departments working in variety of roles to ensure that the large quantities of food grains are distributed to the large populations across the state.