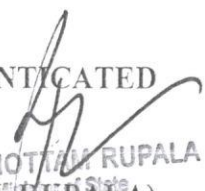


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Statement of reasons for delay in laying the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of National Centre for Cold-chain Development (NCCD) during the year 2015-16

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As per provision of GFR the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of Societies registered under the Registration of Societies Act, 1860, receiving one time assistance /non-recurring grant of Rs. 50.00 lakhs and above should be laid on the Table of the House within nine months of the close of succeeding financial year of the grantee organization. Thus the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of NCCD were required to be laid on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament by December, 2016. However, the Annual Report for the year 2015-16 were submitted to the Department on 13.12.2017 by NCCD.

The Annual Report and Audited Accounts required the approval of Governing Council of NCCD as per the Memorandum of Association of NCCD. The GC approved the Annual Report and Audited Account in its third meeting held on 21.12.2018. Thereafter the annual report and audited accounts were got translated and printed which took some time.

Hence, there has been delay in laying the Annual report and Audited Accounts on the Table of the House. The delay may please be condoned.

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The accounts for financial year 2015-16 were audited by chartered accountants empanelled for the purpose with office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, M/s APN & Associates. Summary of Income and Expenditure account for financial year 2015-16 is as follows:

Item	Rs in lakh
Interest and other income	314.93
Less: Administrative expenses	84.59
Excess of income over expenditure	230.34
15% of gross income exempt u/s 11	47.24
Balance set apart for 'General Public Utility' purposes over next 5 years	183.10
Total	230.34

NCCD was registered u/s 12AA of Income Tax Act in July 2015 as a 'General Public Utility'. This entitles it to exemption from income tax for 15% of its gross income each year. Of the remaining 85% of gross income, the unspent amount is liable to tax, unless set apart for future expenses within 5 years u/s 11(2) of the Act. There is no income tax liability for F.Y. 2015-16 as of now.

Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Secretary(MIDH) was holding additional charge of the position of Director, NCCD from February, 2013 to 29-9-2015. Shri P. Shakil Ahammed, Joint Secretary (MIDH) took over additional charge of Director, NCCD from 23.10.2015 to 22.9.2017. Shri Pawanexh Kohli, an expert from cold-chain industry is Chief Executive Officer of NCCD, w.e.f. February 2014. As on 31-3-2016, nine posts were filled.

Review of activities and achievements

- The “Guidelines and minimum System Standards for implementation in Cold-chain Components” developed by NCCD were notified as the mandatory standards, superseding the previous standards developed in 2010.
- In this period NCCD continued to assist in appraisals of projects submitted to the Project appraisal Committee of MIDH. NCCD provided harmonised reporting system for cold-chain which was developed as the ICAP platform by NHB.
- NCCD completed a comprehensive study to assess the status and gap in cold-chain infrastructure. The “All India Cold-chain Infrastructure Capacity Study (Assessment of Status & Gaps)” was accepted by the Ministry and is used as reference for planning interventions.
- The toll free Reefer Vehicle Call-in-centre (RVC) was continued to provide opportunity for transporters to lodge information about bottlenecks in their operations.
- NCCD has increased its public outreach and awareness of Government of India’s interventions in cold-chain and to reduce food loss at a global level. NCCD was invited to debate on the subject at the UK’s House of Lords and to chair workshops in Global Summit on Food Waste in the Hague organised by FAO and UNEP. NCCD has helped to generate greater awareness and interest in India’s cold-chain.
- NCCD continued capacity building and training workshops on ripening of fruits and this year 66 trainings for 2391 people was completed. The workshops were on cold-chain technology and cold-chain management trained 60 officers from state government and industry. These are held from allocation made to NCCD in annual action plan as National Level Agency (NLA) of MIDH.
- Various other workshops and seminars were held as part of knowledge dissemination in cold-chain. NCCD also increased student interactions by launching a student chapter at Ch. Charan Singh National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (NIAM).
- NCCD is active contributor to various initiatives in international cooperation by the Ministry. NCCD is supporting the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) and the recommendations from NCCD are actively considered and have been supported.