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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 2016-17

NCCD was registered under Societies Registration Act 1860 on 27-1-2011 and structured to operate in Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) mode with stakeholders as members of the society. After approval by Cabinet on 09-2-2012, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare provided a one-time grant of Rs. 25 crore for establishing a Corpus of same amount, so that interest income accruing there from, and other income generated by NCCD from fees and charges for services rendered will be used to meet its administrative, personnel and other costs, as decided by its General Council. NCCD is structured such that there is no further cost on account of its operation and maintenance on Government.


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, 2017. However, the Annual Report for the year 2016-17 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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GOVERNMENT'S REVIEW OF THE PROGRAMMES OF NATIONAL CENTRE FOR  
COLD-CHAIN DEVELOPMENT (NCCD) DURING THE YEAR 2016-17.

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The accounts for financial year 2016-17 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 2016-17 is as follows:

Item	Rs in lakh
Income from interest and others	306.59
Less: Administrative expenses	107.88
Excess of income over expenditure	198.71
15% of gross income exempt u/s 11	45.99
Balance set apart for 'General Public Utility' purposes over next 5 years	152.72
Total	198.71

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. 2016-17 as of now.

NCCD was also exempted from service tax on services provided by way of cold chain knowledge dissemination w.e.f. 1-4-2016.

Shri P. Shakil Ahammed, Joint Secretary (MIDH) was holding additional charge of the position of Director, NCCD from 23.10.2015 to 22.9.2017. Shri Dinesh Kumar, Joint Secretary (MIDH) took over additional charge of Director, NCCD w.e.f. 10.10.2017. Shri Pawanexh Kohli, an expert from cold-chain industry is Chief Executive Officer of NCCD w.e.f. February 2014. Besides Director NCCD, NCCD had manpower strength of eight officials as on 31-3-2017.

#### **Review of activities and achievements**

- NCCD completed a pilot project for using cold-chain to expand the marketable range of kinnow from Punjab to Karnataka. This pilot project has demonstrated the economic and environmental benefits from cold-chain and motivated development in the region.
- NCCD continued capacity building and training workshops on ripening of fruits and this year 41 trainings for 1435 people was completed. Other capacity building workshops on cold-chain technology and cold-chain management trained 48 officials from state government and industry. The capacity building is held from allocation made to NCCD in annual action plan as National Level Agency (NLA) of MIDH.
- To increase awareness of government schemes on cold-chain development, NCCD commenced an outreach awareness program with member institutions, CII and PHD.
- A study to document the post-harvest protocols and food loss, commenced in 2014 by NCCD was completed in this year. The sampling study has highlighted higher losses in the fruits and vegetables compared to the Study by CIPHET.
- NCCD also carried out analysis on per-urban vegetable supply chain for DAC&FW, taking example of SAFAL network and FPOs focused on vegetable farming.
- CII's initiative on Cold-chain Awards were developed with NCCD. These awards are to motivate excellence in cold-chain. Various other national and international workshops as part of knowledge dissemination in cold-chain were held in this year.
- NCCD is active contributor to various initiatives and is supporting the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare (DAC&FW).