Subject: Transparency Audit Report of the DAC&FW with regard to adequacy of items in suo motu disclosure under section 4 of the Right to Information Act 2005

Dear Sir,

This has reference to your letter No letter no Central Information Commission mail dated 21 Nov 2019 and mail dated 17 March 2020. The desired information has been put up in our website as follows:

**a) Details of organization:**

The National Centre for Cold-chain Development (NCCD) was operationalized as an autonomous body after receiving Cabinet sanction on 9-February-2012. NCCD is expected to pioneer Excellence for development of cold-chain in India. NCCD is headed by the CEO and Chief Advisor under the administrative control of Joint Secretary (MIDH). The Governing Council and Executive Committee of NCCD is under chairmanship of Secretary (AC&FW).

NCCD has outsourced staff and operates out of Janpath Bhawan, New Delhi. At State level, Nodal Officers for Cold-chain Development (NOCDs) have been deputed to liaise on cold-chain matters. NCCD is also designated as a National Level Agency supporting the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) and to undertake capacity building activities. NCCD also engages private sector through paid membership as per participation criteria, including lifetime members.

NCCD assists in formulation and rationalization of the policy interventions of the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare. NCCD has also issued system guidelines for use by the implementing agencies of the department. Ministry of Food Processing Industries and APEDA concurred for use of these guidelines in cold-chain development. NCCD has also engaged with other related ministries/authorities, including MNRE, DIPP, DRDO, MoRTH, MoEF, etc. to share the range and scope of cold-chain offerings, its bottlenecks and possible solutions.

NCCD has developed curriculum and conducts knowledge dissemination in cold-chain, (trainings on technology uses, energy efficiency and ripening chambers). These trainings and workshops are ongoing.

NCCD has been registered as a General Public Utility u/s 12AA of IT Act in 2015 which provides relief in payment of income tax. Also, in the Union Budget 2015-16, NCCD has been exempted from payment of Service Tax for its knowledge dissemination activities.

**b) Power and functions of its officials, work allocation amongst staff:**

Organization structure
At present, only 7 officials are in position as against 13 positions sanctioned by EC. Financial powers are delegated to Director, NCCD.

c) Name designation and salary of all staff – regular and contractual

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<td>Shri B.N.S. Murthy</td>
<td>CEO, NCCD (Horticulture Commissioner) Additional charge</td>
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d) **Year-wise financial allocation and physical achievement**
NCCD does not implement any scheme or provide financial assistance by way of grant or loan. NCCD does not incur expenditure on beneficiary projects. NCCD is a think tank for Cold-chain development functioning under PPP mode. NCCD is an organization set up in partnership with private sector stakeholders and is effecting PPP mode in managerial, operational and financial matters.

e) **Name of CPIO and Appellate Authority:**
As NCCD does not have Govt. officers, CPIO and Appellate Officer are same as that of MIDH- Deptt of Agriculture, Coop. & Farmers Welfare.

f) **Details of scheme along with Nodal person- name, designation, phone no and email id**
NA

g) **Details of beneficiaries and subsidy provided**
Not Applicable

h) **Details of projects and year wise expenditure done thereon**
NA

i) **Details of Nodal Officers dealing with public grievances**
NA

j) **Any other information required to be uploaded in order to comply with the instruction of CIC**:
Nil