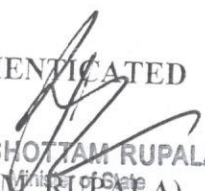


24

PAPERS TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE
OF LOK SABHA/RAJYA SABHA

AUTHENTICATED


PARSHOTTAM RUPALA
(PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)
Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Government of India
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
FARMERS WELFARE

Statement of reasons for delay in laying the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of National Centre for Cold-chain Development (NCCD) during the year 2012-13

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 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 was so 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, 2013. However, the Annual Report for the year 2012-13 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.

PAPERS TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE
OF LOK SABHA/RAJYA SABHA

AUTHENTICATED

PARSHOTTAM RUPALA
Minister of State
(PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)
Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE
& FARMERS WELFARE

GOVERNMENT'S REVIEW OF THE PROGRAMMES OF NATIONAL CENTRE FOR
COLD-CHAIN DEVELOPMENT (NCCD) DURING THE YEAR 2012-13.

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 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 was so structured such that there is no further cost on account of its operation and maintenance on Government.

The accounts for financial year 2012-13 were audited in 2014 by chartered accountants empanelled for the purpose with office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, M/s Umesh Babu Agarwal. Summary of Income and Expenditure account for financial year 2012-13 is as follows:

Item	Rs in lakh
Income from interest and others	186.98
Less: Administrative expenses	12.00
Excess of income over expenditure	174.98
Less: Income tax provision	46.07
Balance transferred to General Reserve	128.91
Total	174.98

Shri Shailendra Kumar, Director (DAC) was appointed as Director NCCD, in March 2012 and held the post up to January 2013. Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Secretary (NHM) took additional charge as Director, NCCD from February 2013. In April 2012, Shri P. Kohli, a cold-chain professional from industry, was invited to provide pro bono support to incubate the centre. In September-2012 he was officially associated as Chief Advisor to assist in operationalising NCCD. Thereafter, two support assistants and one Accounts Officer were hired in October/November 2012.

NCCD was allotted room 645, A-Wing, Nirman Bhawan in November 2012 to establish a functional office. The staffing levels are minimal with dedicated staff strength of three, on contractual terms and conditions.

Review of activities and achievements

- A Roadmap document was prepared in consultation with multiple stakeholders form government and private sector in 2012.
- A dedicated cell was setup initially, housed under Ministry of Agriculture, at Nirman Bhawan with a small team of a professional consultant(s) and two support staff. The professional consultant(s) and support staff were sourced through advertising and due selection process.
- The membership criteria of NCCD was revised and made open ended in January 2013 to broaden the scope of private industry & stakeholder participation.
- NCCD has been involved in various stakeholder meetings including the organising a conclave on refrigerated transport with stakeholders from the logistics sector. NCCD has been providing regular inputs on policy and existing intervention on cold-chain development to Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.
- Cemafroid of France invited NCCD to enter into an MoU for collaboration in the field of cold-chain. This MoU was signed on 02-04-2013, when NCCD was invited to make the inaugural address as guest of honour to the International Cold-chain and Sustainability conference in Paris. Subsequently the French Ministry of Agriculture has propositioned a subsidy for the training initiatives with NCCD, as framework to advance Indo-France collaboration.
- In this period NCCD was invited to take part in five investment roundtables by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industries.