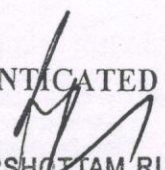


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Statement of reasons for delay in laying the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of National Centre for Cold-chain Development (NCCD) during the year 2017-18

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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, 2018. However, the Annual Report for the year 2017-18 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
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The accounts for financial year 2017-18 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 2017-18 is as follows:

Item	Rs in lakh
Interest and other income	258.42
Less: Administrative expenses	97.21
Excess of income over expenditure	161.21
15% of gross income exempt u/s 11	38.76
Balance set apart for 'General Public Utility' purposes over next 5 years	122.45
Total	161.21

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 financial year 2017-18 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) had taken over additional charge of Director, NCCD w.e.f. 10.10.2017. Shri Pawanexh Kohli, an expert from cold-chain industry continues as Chief Executive Officer of NCCD w.e.f. February 2014. Besides Director NCCD, NCCD had manpower strength of six officials as on 31-3-2018.

Review of activities and achievements

- NCCD was a knowledge partner for the Inter-ministerial Committee on Doubling of Farmers' Income Committee. A major portion of its efforts in this year were dedicated to the works of this Committee, specifically in relation to agri-logistics, marketing, secondary agriculture, extension services, structural reforms and governance. The contributions by NCCD were appreciated by the Committee.
- In continuation of previous years, the 6th annual NCCD Conference was held in Chennai on 17-18 November, 2017 at the ICE Expo. Besides State Govt. officers, a large number of domestic and international participants attended the event.
- Cold-chain Management training - As part of collaboration under the Indo-France JAWG, a special curriculum was devised by NCCD for training of Indian stakeholders from industry/ state governments at Cemafroid for a 5 day residential course. In 2017-18, 28 persons were trained in three training sessions. The course is co-funded by Govt. of France as Indo-France cooperation.
- In partnership with NCCD, second series of Cold-chain Awards by FACE-CII for operational excellence in Cold-chain were awarded. Hon'ble Minister of Food Processing Industries graced the awards ceremony. This has become the most sought after excellence award in cold-chain industry.
- Capacity building in cold-chain technology - The course curriculum is developed in-house and implemented for the benefit of government officers and private sector. The 3 day residential course trained 29 individuals in 4 sessions in 2017-18.
- NCCD continued capacity building and entrepreneur development workshops on ripening of fruits and this year 16 workshops were held.
- To increase awareness of government schemes on cold-chain development, NCCD continued outreach awareness programs with member institutions - CII and PHD and 12 workshops were conducted in 2017-18.
- NCCD has been regularly assisting the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare and Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) on policy matters relating to cold-chain.