

Delay Statement for submission of Annual Report and Audited Accounts for FY 2018-19 on Table of House within 9 months of the close of succeeding financial year.

NCCD was set up in Public-Private-Partnership mode as a body of stakeholders and was registered as a Society on 24.1.2011. The organisation was operationalised after post-facto approval from the Cabinet on 9.2.2012. NCCD received an amount of Rs 25 crore from National Horticulture Board to establish a Corpus fund, as detailed below:

Date	Particulars	Rs in crore
30.3.2012	Release of funds to NCCD from grant in aid to NHB	12.50
11.4.2012	Release of funds to NCCD from internal accruals of NHB	12.50
	Total	25.00

NCCD has not received any further financial assistance/grant-in-aid, except in 2012 as stated above, to establish a permanently closed fund – Corpus of Rs 25 crore. Therefore, NCCD did not have clarity whether its accounts are to be placed on the Table of House.

NCCD had informed during oral evidence before the Committee on Papers laid on the Table on 4-3-2020 that the Annual Report for 2018-19 shall be laid on the Table of House by the end of April 2020. However, the Parliament was adjourned Sine die on 23rd March 2020 due to lock down in the country. Besides, Hindi translation and printing of Annual Report also got delayed due to lock down in that period.

The Annual Report for 2018-19 is submitted for placing on the Table of the House and in future, we shall make all efforts to place Annual Reports on the Table before 31st December each year.

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Government review on activities and achievements of National Centre for Cold-chain Development (NCCD) for FY 2018-19

A. Summary of Accounts & establishment

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, DAC&FW 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 Governing Council. NCCD is structured such that there is no further cost on account of its operation and maintenance on Government.

The accounts for FY 2018-19 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 F.Y.2018-19 is as follows:

Item	Rs in lakh
Interest income	225.38
<i>Less:</i> Administrative expenses	94.19
Excess of income over expenditure	131.19
15% of gross income exempt u/s 11	33.81
Balance set apart for 'General Public Utility' purposes over next 5 years	97.38
Total	131.19

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.2018-19 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 Dinesh Kumar, JS(MIDH) was holding additional charge of Director, NCCD from 10.10.2017 to 18.04.2018. Shri P.K.Swain, JS(Marketing) took additional charge of Director, NCCD w.e.f 19.04.2018. Shri Pawanexh Kohli, an expert from cold-chain industry, continued as Chief Executive Officer of NCCD cum Chief Advisor from February 2014.

Executive Committee (EC) of NCCD approved initial staff strength of 13 persons, against which 6 persons were in position as on 31-3-2019. Executive Committee of NCCD consists of

13 members under chairmanship of Secretary (AC&FW). The Governing Council consists of 16 members under Secretary (AC&FW) as President.

B. Review of activities and achievements

- MoEFCC has released the India National Cooling Action Plan (NCAP) in line with amendments to the Montreal Protocol in Kigali. NCCD was the key expert resource and authored the cold-chain components which were fully adopted. NCCD maintained the positive impact of cold-chain in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions rather than it being perceived as a contributor to GHG.
- ISA launched a solar cooling initiative to address cold-chain agricultural needs across its member nations, with NCCD as the sole knowledge partner. The initiative includes the concept of community cooling hubs propagated by NCCD.
- NCCD has interactions with NCDC, which has also set up a cold-chain division. NCCD has undertaken capacity building of officers of NCDC in cold-chain and trainees at Laxmanrao Inamdar National Academy for Cooperative Research and Development (LINAC).
- Govt. of Haryana takes inputs of NCCD to develop a modern centre of excellence that will highlight technologies, processes and best in class practices in post-harvest handling of fruits & vegetables.
- NCCD was taken as a member of the Governing Body of Logistics Skill Council in 2018. Various meetings were held on developing skill modules for cold-chain manpower.
- NCCD remained closely involved in formulation and release of the DFI Report in September 2018.
- NCCD has continued to support two of the most lauded excellence awards in cold-chain in the country. The 3rd edition of NCCD-CII Awards was held on 23-Sep-2018 and the 9th ICE Awards function was held on 16-Nov-2018.
- NCCD is engaged in capacity building and knowledge dissemination at various levels. In this period, NCCD has given four lectures to trainees at LBSNAA and NDC, to Parliament Members at Lok Sabha Speaker's Research Initiative.


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