

**Government review on activities and achievements of
National Centre for Cold-chain Development (NCCD)
for FY 2019-20**

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 2019-20 were audited by chartered accountants empanelled for the purpose with the office of Comptroller and Auditor General of India, M/s APN & Associates. Summary of Income and Expenditure account for F.Y.2019-20 is as follows:

Item	Rs in lakh	
	Current Year 2019-20	Previous Year 2018-19
Interest income	239.42	225.38
<i>Less:</i> Administrative expenses	98.04	94.19
Excess of income over expenditure	141.38	131.19
15% of gross income exempt u/s 11	35.91	33.81
Balance set apart for 'General Public Utility' purposes over next 5 years	105.47	97.38
Total	141.38	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.2019-20 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.K.Swain, JS(Marketing) was holding additional charge of Director, NCCD from 19.4.2018 to 16.10.2019. Shri Rajbir Singh, JS(MIDH) took additional charge of Director, NCCD w.e.f. 17.10.2019. Shri Pawanexh Kohli, an expert from cold-chain industry, served as CEO-NCCD and Chief Advisor from 1.2.2014 to 31.1.2020. Shri

B.N.S. Murthy, Horticulture Commissioner has taken additional charge of CEO-NCCD w.e.f. 28-2-2020.

Executive Committee of NCCD approved initial staff strength of 13 persons, against which 5 persons were in position as on 31-3-2020. 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

- NCCD was nominated as one of industry representatives in Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) empowered Steering Committee for implementation of Montreal Protocol on 28th September 2017 and continued to participate in their meetings in 2019. MoEF&CC has released the India National Cooling Action Plan (NCAP) in line with the amendments to the Montreal Protocol in Kigali. NCCD was key expert resource and authored the cold-chain components in NCAP.
- The International Solar Alliance launched a solar cooling initiative on 5-Aug-2019 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.
- Sheffield University is undertaking research on Transforming Cold Food Chains in India through Transsition from Aug-2019 to Sept-2021, sponsored by Global Challenges Research Fund. NCCD is advising them on the project. The project aims to establish demonstration (incubation/demo-hubs) for sustainable Cold-chain development at sites in India.
- NCCD was knowledge partner to Doubling of Farmers Income Committee in DAC&FW. It remained closely involved in formulation and release of the DFI Report. An Empowered Body on DFI was formed of which CEO-NCCD was an active member.
- NCCD chairs the Jury for the CII-NCCD Awards for Excellence in Cold-chain. The 4th edition of CII-NCCD Awards was held on 20-Nov-2019 to recognize individual/organizations for pre-eminence and outstanding contributions to the field of cold chain management. NCCD has continued to support these lauded excellence awards.
- NCCD has been providing domain inputs sought by NHB, regular inputs on Parliament questions relating to Cold-chain and supporting IC interactions. NCCD is on Project Appraisal Committee of MIDH and technical committees of APEDA. NCCD provided guidance to Department of Consumer Affairs on onion evacuation and storage options including action to mitigate price rise; Interactions on National Logistics Policy during roundtables with Ministry of Commerce & Industries; inputs to DAC&FW in identifying national

infrastructure pipeline; inputs to MoFPI on cold-chain. NCCD is a member of Governing Council of Logistics Sector Skill Council (LSC).

- NCCD participated as a knowledge partner in NCDC Agro-processing Ecosystems through Cooperatives at Pragati Maidan, promoting Cooperative to Cooperative trade within India and abroad leading to enhanced rural and farm prosperity. NCCD has undertaken capacity building of officers of NCDC in Cold-chain at LINAC in May 2019.
- In 2019-20, NCCD has given lectures to trainees at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) on Cold-chain Logistics and in National Defence College (NDC) on Global Resource Crisis, lecture to International Cooling Congress at UNEP Innovation Summit, lecture in LINAC, training session on DFI and cold-chain. Addressed students and faculty of SBS, Sharda University on enhancing farmer's income; lecture on Cold-chain potential in India; Speaker at Japan Invest (ASSOCHAM) on Cold Chain Opportunities in North East States. NCCD is extensively engaged in capacity building and knowledge dissemination at various levels.

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