Government Review on activities and achievements of National Centre for Cold-chain Development (NCCD) For FY 2020-21

Summary of Accounts & establishment

NCCD was registered under Societies Registration Act 1860 on 27-1-2011 and is modelled to operate in Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) mode with the stakeholders as members of the society. After approval by Cabinet on 09-2-2012, DA&FW provided a one-time grant of Rs. 25 crore for establishing a Corpus of same amount, so that interest income accruing therefrom, and other income generated by NCCD from the 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.

Accounts of NCCD for 2020-21 have been audited by chartered accountants empanelled with the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, M/s APN & Associates. Summary of Income and Expenditure account for F.Y. 2020-21 is as follows:

Rs in lakh

Item	FY 2020-21	FY 2019-20
Interest Income	237.88	239.42
Less: Administrative expenses	49.39	98.04
Excess of income over expenditure	188.49	141.38
15% of gross income exempt u/s 11	35.68	35.91
Balance set apart for 'General Public Utility' purposes over next 5 years	152.81	105.47
Total	188.49	141.38

NCCD was registered u/s 12AA of Income Tax Act in July 2015 as a 'General Public Utility' which entitles it to exemption from income tax for 15% of its gross income each year. Of remaining 85% of gross income, the unspent amount is liable to tax unless such amount is set apart for future expenses within 5 years u/s 11(2) of the Act. There is no income tax liability for F.Y. 2020-21 as of now. NCCD is also exempted from GST (erstwhile service tax) on services provided by way of cold chain knowledge dissemination, w.e.f. 1-4-2016.



Shri Rajbir Singh, JS(MIDH)/MD NHB is having additional charge of Director, NCCD since 17.10.2019. Shri BNS Murthy, Horticulture Commissioner was having additional charge of CEO-NCCD from 28.2.2020 to 31.5.2021.

Executive Committee of NCCD approved initial staff strength of 13 persons, against which only 6 persons were in position as on 31-3-2021. Executive Committee of NCCD consists of 13 members under chairmanship of Secretary (DA&FW). The Governing Council consists of 16 members under Secretary (DA&FW) as President.

NCCD was registered under Societies Registration Act with Registrar of Societies, Gurugram on 27-1-2011 and initially had its office at NHB premises at Gurugram. Subsequently, its office was shifted to Janpath Bhawan, New Delhi. Keeping in view the administrative convenience and effectiveness in discharging its role in coordination with NHB, DA&FW vide Office Order dated 7-8-2021 has designated MD,NHB as ex-officio Director of NCCD for effective co-ordination between two organisations. NCCD staff has accordingly been shifted to a separate block at NHB premises at Gurugram.

Review of activities and achievements

 NCCD has been conducting Capacity Building and Training Programs in coordination with members of NCCD in following areas:

> Outreach Awareness Campaign on Cold-chain schemes Entrepreneur Development & Skill Training for Ripening Chambers Technical training on Cold-chain Cemafroid training on Cold-chain in France

- NCCD has provided inputs on Krishi Udaan, Refrigerated coaches for movement of perishable cargo, Operation Green, Cluster Development Programme of NHB, EFC Memo of MIDH, Organic Value Chain Development Programme of North Eastern Region etc.
- NCCD is on the Project Appraisal Committee of MIDH and Technical Committees of APEDA.
- NCCD is a member of Governing Council of Logistics Sector Skill Council (LSC) which has initiated various programs to develop skilled human resources in logistics sector.
- NCCD, as member of the panel of Transport Service Sectional Committee (SSD-01) constituted by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) to draft Strategy/White Paper for Road Transport Services participated and contributed in various technical meetings.

- As member/invitee, NCCD participated in Technical Committee meetings of MIDH, NHB, APEDA, MoFPI concerning to Project Approvals, cost norms, technical matters, etc.
- NCCD is interacting with Sheffield University in its research on Transforming Cold Food Chains in India.