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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL CENTRE FOR COLD CHAIN DEVELOPMENT

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is planning to establish the National Centre for Cold Chain Development (NCCD) as an autonomous centre for the development of cold chain in the country;

(b) if so, the details of cold chains proposed, currently functional and dysfunctional across the country, Statewise; and

(c) the details of budgetary allocations and expenditure for the establishment and maintenance of cold chain system in the country since 2004, year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a): Yes, Madam. The Government has established the National Centre for Cold Chain Development (NCCD) as an autonomous body. It has been registered as a society in 2011 under Society Registration Act, 1860.

The mandate of NCCD is to prescribe technical standards for cold chain infrastructure for perishable food items, including fresh fruits & vegetables and undertaking their periodic revision, besides Human Resources Development Programmes for meeting the needs of skilled manpower of the cold chain sector. The NCCD has constituted the following committees:

- i) Technical specification and Standards Committees
- ii) Project preparation, Appraisal and Project Certification Committee
- iii) Training and HRD Committee
- iv) R&D Committee
- v) Test Laboratory and Product Certification Committee
- vi) Application of Non-conventional Energy Sources in Cold Chain Infrastructure.

(b): The establishment of cold chain is being supported through programmes of NHM, NHB, APEDA and MOFPI. The details are given in Annexure I.

(c): The Government has approved an amount of Rs.25.00 crore as budgetary provision for XI Plan period towards creation of cold chain infrastructure as well as establishment of NCCD.