

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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NATIONAL CENTRE FOR COLD CHAIN DEVELOPMENT  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has set up a National Centre for Cold Chain Development (NCCD); and  
(b) if so, the aims and objectives thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a): National Centre for Cold Chain Development (NCCD) has been constituted as an autonomous body which has been registered as a Society under the Societies Registration Act 1860.

(b): The aims and objectives of the Society are:

- i. To recommend standards and protocols for cold chain infrastructure/building including post harvest management so as to harmonize with international standards and best practices and suggest mechanism for bench marking and certification of infrastructure/building, process and services provided by cold chain industry.
- ii. To suggest indicative guidelines for preparation of project reports for potential investors/entrepreneurs.
- iii. To assess and develop appropriate IT-based management information system for the cold chain infrastructure.
- iv. To undertake and coordinate Research and Development (R&D) work required for development of cold chain industry in consultation with stakeholders.
- v. To undertake and coordinate the task of Human Resource Development (HRD) and capacity building. It may also conduct in-house training, short- term/long courses relevant for cold chain development.
- vi. To launch publicity campaign to educate the stakeholders of integrated cold chain.
- vii. To recommend appropriate policy framework relating to development of cold chain.
- viii. To facilitate and foster the development of multi-modal transportation facilities for perishable agricultural, horticultural and allied commodities and establishment of National Green Grid Perishable Commodities.