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Statement of reasons for delay in laying the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of National Centre for Cold-chain Development (NCCD) during the year 2013-14

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As per provision of GFR the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of Societies registered under the Registration of Societies Act, 1860, receiving one time assistance /non-recurring grant of Rs. 50.00 lakhs and above should be laid on the Table of the House within nine months of the close of succeeding financial year of the grantee organization. Thus the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of NCCD were required to be laid on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament by December, 2014. However, the Annual Report for the year 2013-14 were submitted to the Department on 13.12.2017 by NCCD.

The Annual Report and Audited Accounts required the approval of Governing Council of NCCD as per the Memorandum of Association of NCCD. The GC approved the Annual Report and Audited Account in its third meeting held on 21.12.2018. Thereafter the annual report and audited accounts were got translated and printed which took some time.

Hence, there has been delay in laying the Annual report and Audited Accounts on the Table of the House. The delay may please be condoned.

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GOVERNMENT'S REVIEW OF THE PROGRAMMES OF NATIONAL CENTRE FOR  
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The accounts for financial year 2013-14 were audited in 2014 by chartered accountants empanelled for the purpose with office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, M/s Umesh Babu Agarwal. Summary of Income and Expenditure account for financial year 2013-14 is as follows:

Item	Rs in lakh
Income from interest and others	304.60
Less: Administrative expenses	44.19
Excess of income over expenditure	260.41
Less: Income tax provision	64.24
Balance transferred to General Reserve	196.15
Total	260.41

Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Secretary (NHM) was holding additional charge of the position of Director, NCCD from February 2013. Shri Pawanexh Kohli, a cold-chain expert from industry continued to assist the Director as Chief Advisor from Oct-2012. As of 01-04-2013, the manpower strength at NCCD was 3 persons, with two support staff having left service. The office space allocated by DAC, at 645 in A-Wing of Nirman Bhawan, was made operational after renovations in May 2013.

**Review of activities and achievements**

- A set of pilot training programs was launched specifically for operations of "Ripening Chambers". These were conducted in Andhra Pradesh in January and February 2014

and 98 participants were trained from allocation to action plan as National Level Agency(NLA) of National Horticulture Mission(NHM).

- NCCD developed a curriculum for providing exposure to advanced energy saving technologies as well to develop understanding supply chain and inventory management concepts as a three-day residential course at Danfoss India (member of NCCD) training centre at Chennai.
- NCCD held workshops on cold-chain development with the north eastern states of Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. These workshops were the first ever held on the subject of cold-chain in these states.
- Cemafroid of France invited NCCD to enter into an MoU for collaboration in the field of cold-chain. This MoU was signed on 02-04-2013, when NCCD was invited to make the plenary address as guest of honor to the International Cold-chain and Sustainability conference in Paris.
- Subsequently the French Ministry of Agriculture has propositioned a subsidy for the training initiatives with NCCD as framework to advance Indo-France collaboration.
- In this period NCCD has also been invited to address various international conferences and roundtables, all at sponsors' costs. NCCD has also been assisting in international cooperation for cold-chain development.
- In this duration, NCCD has also been invited by other National Level Agencies and Departments involved in cold-chain development to advise upon, guide and support their initiatives.
- Industry at large has shown goodwill through contributing resources to NCCD activities. As of 31-03-2014 NCCD included 45 active members, including one patron member – Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) who contributed Rs. 20 lakh to the corpus. Two study tours were completed in the NE with zero expense to NCCD. An NCCD think tank conclave was additionally supported by organisations like Ernst & Young, Carrier Transicold (APAC), Global Cold-chain Alliance, etc.
- NCCD is actively engaged in supporting the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) of Ministry of Agriculture, in setting up of national systems and in providing need based technical assistance to the National Horticulture Mission (NHM).
- NCCD reviewed and recommended revisions to the assistance patterns for cold-chain as proposed by all the NHM schemes for the XII Plan. These recommendations resulted in more equitable distribution of funds while rationalizing and continuing technological support for development of integrated cold-chain systems.