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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 2014-15

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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, 2015. However, the Annual Report for the year 2014-15 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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The accounts for financial year 2014-15 were audited by chartered accountants empanelled for the purpose with office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, M/s APN & Associates. Summary of Income and Expenditure account for financial year 2014-15 is as follows:

Item	Rs in lakh
Income from interest and others	334.54
Less: Administrative expenses	104.93
Excess of income over expenditure	229.61
Transferred to General Reserve	50.18
Balance set apart for 'General Public Utility' purposes	179.43
Total	229.61

Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Secretary (MIDH) was holding additional charge of the position of Director, NCCD from February 2013. Shri Pawanexh Kohli, an expert from cold-chain industry is appointed as Chief Executive Officer of NCCD w.e.f. February 2014. As on 31-3-2015, six posts were filled, besides Director (Joint Secretary-MIDH).

In June 2014, moved into office space at Janpath Bhawan. The office premise is shared with team of National Bee Board.

Review of activities and achievements

- The Reefer Vehicle Call-in-centre (RVC), a concept developed by NCCD was launched by Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Shri Radha Mohan Singh on 11.9.2014 as part of "e-Bhagidaari" program. The activity is undertaken by NCCD with a member organisation and expenditure is met from allocation to action plan as National Level Agency of Mission for Integrated Development of Agriculture.
- NCCD developed a document laying down Guidelines and minimum System Standards for implementation in Cold-chain Components. This document was released for use by all implementing agencies of MIDH.
- In this period NCCD assisted in appraisals of cold-chain projects submitted to the Project appraisal Committee of MIDH.
- NCCD held capacity building and training workshops on cold-chain development for 1788 individuals. The workshops were on three subjects, ripening chambers, cold-chain technology and cold-chain management. These were held from allocation made to NCCD in annual action plan as National Level Agency (NLA) of MIDH.
- Various other workshops were held with state governments as part of knowledge dissemination in cold-chain. As a new organisation, NCCD has proactively expanded its stakeholder interaction and public presence.
- Industry members of NCCD have participated in activities and contributed to think-tank conclave by NCCD, as well as hosted an awareness program for reefer drivers at no cost to NCCD.
- NCCD has actively participated in the Joint Working Groups on Agriculture with France and Germany. NCCD was also invited to expert discussions on sustainable cold-chain systems at a global platform. NCCD inputs were also considered by the MoFPI Task Force on Cold chain Projects, which submitted its report in October 2014.
- NCCD is supporting the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) and the recommendations from NCCD are actively considered and have been supported.