Separate Audit Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India on the Accounts of India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians for the year 2014-15

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians, IDF-OI (Trust) as at 31 March 2015 and the Income & Expenditure Account/Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended on that date under Section 20(l) of the Comptroller & Auditor General’s (Duties, Powers & Conditions of Service) Act, 1971. These financial statements are the responsibility of the India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians (IDF-OI) management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

2. This Separate Audit Report contains the comments of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG) on the accounting treatment only with regard to classification, conformity with the best accounting practices, accounting standards and disclosure norms, etc. Audit observations on financial transactions with regard to compliance with the law, rules & regulations (Proprity and Regularity) and efficiency-cum-performance aspects, etc, if any, are reported through Inspection Reports/CAG’s Audit Reports separately.

3. The audit has been conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidences supporting the amounts and disclosure in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall presentation of financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

4. Based on our audit, we report that:
   i. We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit;
   ii. The Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account/Receipts & Payments Account dealt with this report have not been drawn up in the uniform format of accounts prescribed by Ministry of Finance.
   iii. In our opinion, proper books of accounts and other relevant records have not been maintained by the India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians (IDF-OI) as required and so far as it appears from our examination of such books.
   iv. We further report that:

A. Non-adherence to Uniform Format of Accounts

1. Autonomous Bodies under Government of India are required to compile their accounts in a Uniform Format of accounts as prescribed by Government of India, Ministry of Finance. The accounts prepared by IDF-OI are not in the uniform format of accounts as prescribed.

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Minister of State for External Affairs
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2. Previous year's figure are not mentioned in the balance sheet, income and expenditure account and receipt and payment account.

3. Provision for depreciation has not been made in the income and expenditure account.

4. Amount of unutilized grant cannot be ascertained from the accounts.

A.1. Opening balances

In view of observation in previous SAR, correctness of opening balance under the fixed assets, current liabilities and provisions and grant-in-aid cannot be ascertained.

B. Balance Sheet

B.1 Liabilities

B.1.1 Unspent Grant

In Balance Sheet, grant of Rs. 19.31 lakh has been depicted under sources of funds. Further in the schedule of grant (Annexure – 1), there is an opening balance of Rs. 1.74 lakh. The amount of grant received from the Government was Rs. 40.00 lakh and after reducing amount of Rs. 22.43 lakh as grant utilised (details of calculation for this figure are not there) balance of Rs. 19.31 lakh has been shown as closing balance in the accounts. However, in the utilisation certificate a sum of Rs. 21.44 lakh had been shown as utilised out of Govt. Grant. IDF-OI has not maintained separate account and not depicted foreign grant separately in the accounts.

The correctness of amount of Government grant utilised and unspent grant could not be commented upon due to non maintenance of separate account for each grant and non reflection of grant related expenditure in the Income and Expenditure account.

B.1.2 Current Liabilities and Provisions

During the year liabilities of Rs. 93,756 (75281+18475) on account of fee payable to Chartered Accountant and TDS has been created in the Balance Sheet without making any provision in the Income and Expenditure account.

B.1.3 Advances received of Rs. 4.83 lakh

In the Balance Sheet, an amount of Rs. 4.83 lakh has been shown as advances received from ICM. However, audit noticed that during 2014-15, a balance amount of Rs. 4.83 lakh payable to ICM had been incorrectly depicted as advance received in Balance Sheet.

B.1.4 Non-depiction of foreign contribution as a separate Earmarked Fund

The source of each grant and its utilization for specified purposes are to be indicated separately in the accounts as per the uniform format of accounts. It has been seen in IDF-OI
that foreign contributions are received through Institution or individuals across the world. The expenditure out of the contributions for the specified purposes were not separately shown in the accounts. Amount received for the specified purposes are to be shown in separate schedule indicating opening balance, additions and utilisation/expenditure towards objectives of funds, any refund thereon/deletions. Thus, non-depiction of foreign contribution as a separate Earmarked Fund resulted in mixing of fund.

C. Income and Expenditure Accounts

C.1 Non-depiction of grant related expenditure

As per Schedule 13 – grant/subsidies under Income & Expenditure account of uniform format of accounts, grant/subsidies or other similar assistance received for the general purposes and objective of the entity should be depicted under this head.

During the year 2014-15, IDF has received grant-in-aid of Rs. 40.00 lakh from the Ministry of External Affairs which was not routed through Income and Expenditure. In Schedule of Grant, amount of Rs. 22.43 lakh has been shown as grant utilised. However, expenditure against utilisation of grant has not been depicted in the Income and Expenditure account. This resulted in understatement of Income and Expenditure to the extent of grant received & utilised during the year.

C.2 Depreciation

As per Accounting Standard 6 of ICAI, the total depreciation for the period for each class of assets and the related accumulated depreciation are to be disclosed in the financial statements. Further, as per the uniform format of accounts, the depreciation methods used; depreciation rates or the useful lives of the assets, are also to be disclosed in the financial statements. Scrutiny of accounts revealed that although in the fixed assets schedule depreciation has been charged but the entries relating to depreciation has not been shown in Income and Expenditure account and in the Balance Sheet. Further, in significant accounting policies no disclosure as to the rates and method of depreciation used for charging depreciation has been made.

D. General

D.1 Cash/Accrual Basis of Accounting

In the significant accounting policies and Notes to the accounts, disclosed that mercantile basis of accounting has been adopted. However, no provisions for depreciation/salary/other expenditure pertaining to current year but payable in future have been made in the accounts. Besides expenditure incurred against the grant had not been routed through Income and Expenditure account. Only expenditure of Rs. 1.09 lakh has been debited to Income and Expenditure account break-up of which was not provided to audit. Hence, it is not clear from the Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet that the accrual basis of accounting has been followed.
D.2 No physical verification of assets and inventory was done during the year 2014-15. We are unable to certify the correctness of assets and inventory.

v) Subject to our observations in the preceding paragraphs, we report that the Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account and Receipts and Payments Account dealt with by this report are not in agreement with the books of accounts as mentioned in comment no. B.1.1, B.1.4, C.1, C.2, D.1, D.2.

vi) In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said financial statements read together with the Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts, and subject to the significant matters stated above and other matters mentioned in Annexure to this Audit Report we state that the accounts do not present a true and fair view.

a. In so far as it relates to the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians as at 31st March 2015; and

b. In so far as it relates to Income and Expenditure Account of the nil balance for the year ended on that date.

Place: New Delhi
Dated: 11-01-2017

For and on behalf of the C & AG of India

Director General of Audit,
Central Expenditure

Minister of State for External Affairs

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Annexure-I


1. **Internal Audit System:**
   There is no internal audit mechanism and no internal audit has been conducted for the period 2014-15.

2. **Adequacy of Internal Control System:**
   **Control Environment**
   - Inadequate internal control system due to absence of internal audit and physical verification of assets
   - There was no separate full-time official assigned for preparation of bills, maintaining the accounts etc.

3. **System of physical verification/inventory of fixed assets:**
   No physical verification of assets/inventory have been carried out during the period 2014-15.
   No Fixed assets register has been maintained during the period 2014-15.

4. **Regularity in payment of statutory liabilities:**
   Rs. 18,475/- was outstanding as per accounts.

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