

PREFACE

Examiner of Local Accounts (ELA), West Bengal has been appointed by the Government of West Bengal as primary auditor of accounts of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) under provisions of the West Bengal Panchayat Act, 1973. The ELA is an officer of Indian Audit and Accounts Department and works under the supervision of Principal Accountant General (General & Social Sector Audit).

The ELA prepares Report on the accounts of PRIs unit-wise and sends such report to the Pradhan, the Sabhapati or the Sabhadhipati, as the case may be, of the Gram Panchayat, the Panchayat Samiti or the Zilla Parishad respectively and a copy thereof to the State Government.

This Report for the year ended March 2014 relates to matters arising from observations of audit of the PRIs as well as Performance Audits of Indira Awaas Yojana and Receipts of Panchayats. The report also presents findings/observations on Financial Management and Implementation of Schemes by the PRIs.

The audit findings in the Report are those which came to notice in the course of audit of accounts of PRIs conducted during 2013-14 as well as those which had come to notice in the earlier years but could not be dealt with in previous Reports.