

Preface

This report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2017 has been prepared for submission to the President under Article 151 of the Constitution of India. The report contains the results of compliance audit of the Scientific and Environmental Ministries/Departments of the Union Government, their attached/subordinate offices and Autonomous Bodies.

Reports in relation to accounts of a Government Company or Corporation are submitted by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India to the Government under Section 19-A of the Comptroller and Auditor General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971. This Audit Report also contains audit observations relating to Central Public Sector Enterprises under the administrative control of the Scientific and Environmental Ministries/Departments.

The instances mentioned in this report are those which came to notice in the course of test audit for the period 2016-17 as well as those which came to notice in earlier years but could not be reported in the previous Audit Reports. Matters relating to the period subsequent to 2016-17 have also been included, wherever necessary.

The audit has been conducted in conformity with the Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

