

## *Preface*

This report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has been prepared for submission to the President of India under Article 151 of the Constitution of India for being laid before the Parliament. The report has been prepared in accordance with the Performance Auditing Guidelines, 2014 and Regulations on Audit and Accounts, 2007 of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

The National Pension System (NPS) was introduced with effect from 01 January 2004 for new entrants to Central Government service (except Armed Forces) replacing the old pension system and subsequently, State Governments also adopted NPS on voluntary basis for their employees. The NPS is being regulated by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).

There are 58.01 lakh Government sector subscribers as on 30 April 2018. NPS covers a large number of Government sector employees; it affects the financial security and retirement benefits of these employees. Its effective implementation is of utmost importance. In this context, the Performance Audit was undertaken to get an assurance that the system for NPS was established as envisaged; all eligible Government Sector employees had been covered under the NPS; and due contributions (subscribers' and employers') were timely deducted and remitted to Trustee Bank.

