OVERVIEW

This report includes two chapters. Chapter I deal with an overview of the Panchayati Raj Department containing the organizational set-up, accounting and auditing arrangements, sources and flow of funds to Panchayati Raj institutions (PRIs) and audit coverage including seven paragraphs on the comments on accounts. Chapter II comprises 21 paragraphs containing the audit findings on the financial transactions of the PRIs followed by conclusions and recommendations. A summary of audit findings is given as under:

Works involving Rs.20.69 crore remained incomplete for more than five years leading to unfruitful expenditure.

(Paragraph 2.6)

Interest of Rs 57.02 lakh accrued on the deposit of scheme funds were not utilized for more than five years.

(Paragraph 2.7)

Interest of Rs 77.91 lakh was irregularily utilized towards construction of office buildings, staff quarters, etc.

(Paragraph 2.7)

Shopping units constructed with an expenditure of Rs 2.23 crore are lying vacant.

(Paragraph 2.8)

Inadmissible expenditure of Rs 27.35 lakh was incurred towards construction of office building, staff quarters etc out of SGRY funds.

(Paragraph 2.10)

Expenditure of Rs.35.14 lakh was irregularly incurred on incomplete works and construction of park out of Kendu Leaf grants.

(Paragraph 2.13)

Non-installation of MS sluice gates in the Check Dams resulted in infructuous expenditure of Rs 46.08 lakh.

(Paragraph 2.16)

Incorrect decision of the Government resulted in excess expenditure of Rs 30.82 lakh under IAY scheme. (Paragraph 2.17)

Shortage of stocks leading to suspected misappropriation worth Rs 33.98 lakh.

(Paragraph 2.20)

Non-production of vouchers gives rise to doubtful expenditure of Rs 80.87 lakh.

(Paragraph 2.21)