

P R E F A C E

This Report on the audit of expenditure incurred by the Government of Maharashtra has been prepared for submission to the Governor under Article 151 of the Constitution. The report covers significant matters arising out of the compliance and performance audits of various departments including autonomous bodies and departmentally run commercial undertakings. Audit observations on the Annual Accounts of the Government would form part of a Report on State Finances, which is being presented separately.

The Report starts with an introductory Chapter outlining the audit scope, mandate and the key audit findings which emerged during the year-long audit exercise. Chapter II of the Report covers performance audits while Chapter III discusses material findings emerging from compliance audits. Chapter IV includes a report on the assessment and evaluation of internal controls in the Fisheries Department.

The cases mentioned in this Report are among those which came to notice in the course of test-audit of accounts during the year 2008-09 as well as those which had come to notice in earlier years but could not be dealt with in previous Reports; matters relating to the period subsequent to 2008-09 have also been included wherever necessary.