

PREFACE

This Report has been prepared for submission to the President of India under Article 151 of Constitution of India.

In the past, Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India had been commenting upon the Indian Railways (IR) finances as a part of the Railway Audit Report on Compliance Issues. In recognition of the need to sharpen focus on finances, a stand-alone report has been attempted this year.

Based on the audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010, this report provides an analytical review of the Accounts and Finances of the IR. The report is structured in four chapters.

Chapter 1 covers the audit findings on the finances of IR and makes an assessment of the fiscal status of IR as on 31 March 2010. Various indicators on earnings, expenditure, reserves, operational efficiency etc are analyzed.

Chapter 2 covers the audit findings on the Appropriation Accounts of IR and analysis of management of allocated resources. This chapter also analyzed the reasons for savings/excesses against the authorization given by Parliament.

Chapter 3 covers limitation of IR accounts in financial reporting and audit comments on financial transactions impacting the accounts of IR.

Chapter 4 deals with the performance of Railway Public Sector Undertakings, Joints Ventures and Special Purpose Vehicles as these have bearing on overall IR finances.