

PREFACE

This Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India containing results of performance audit of the following Central Autonomous Bodies has been prepared for submission to the President of India under Article 151 of the Constitution:

1. Medical Council of India Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
2. Functioning of Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology Ministry of Rural Development
3. Catalytic Development Programme of Central Silk Board Ministry of Textiles
4. Role of National Centre for Jute Diversification in Promotion of Jute Diversified Products Ministry of Textiles
5. Functioning of Brahmaputra Board Ministry of Water Resources

These performance audits incorporate the results of test check of records of the above mentioned autonomous bodies conducted during 2009-10.

The Performance Audit Report on Medical Council of India was issued to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on 14 January 2010. Keeping in view the gravity of the audit findings, it was felt necessary to obtain the response of the Ministry before finalising the Report. After several reminders, instead of furnishing its reply, the Ministry communicated on 7 July 2010 and reiterated on 22 July 2010 that they had requested the newly constituted Board of Governors of the Medical Council of India to furnish all replies directly to Audit. It was again emphasized to the Ministry that it is answerable to the Parliament on its role and on the matter of governance of the Council; but the Ministry did not furnish any reply till October 2010 viz the finalisation of this Report.

The Ministry thus appears to have decided to shift its responsibility to the Medical Council of India. To that extent, the accountability exercise undertaken through this performance audit undermined.