

PREFACE

Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) is an inter services organization headed by the Director General Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS) who functions directly under the Ministry of Defence. It is responsible for providing health care services to Armed Forces personnel, their families and other beneficiaries as mandated.

Recognising its vital role, both in peace time as well during hostilities, a Performance Audit of the functioning of the Medical Establishments in Defence Services was conducted during January 2011 to November 2011 to seek an assurance that it is equipped to carry out its role of providing timely and quality medical care to its beneficiaries and that the nascent organisation of ECHS has been provided with necessary infrastructure, medical equipment, drugs and human resources. This report, by highlighting systemic weaknesses and recommending remedial measures, seeks to bring about overall improvements in the operation of the Medical Establishments in Defence Services. We hope that the recommendations made in this report, if implemented, would lead to a more efficient and effective functioning of the AFMS.

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