

Preface

This Report on Performance Audit of “Kaziranga National Park – Issues and Challenges” has been prepared for submission to the Governor of Assam under Article 151 of the Constitution of India.

The Performance Audit was conducted between March and July 2014 through

- scrutiny of records of the Environment and Forest Department in the Government of Assam, Offices of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest – Wildlife, Director – Kaziranga National Park, Divisional Forest Officer – Eastern Assam Wildlife Division.*
- The Offices of the Circle Officers, Bokakhat and Kaliabor were visited to gather data/information on land use pattern around the park.*
- The Presidents of the eco-development committees in the fringe villages were interviewed to understand the relationship between the wildlife authorities and the fringe villages.*
- Besides, other stakeholders were also interacted with to gather information/understanding the issues better.*
- The audit team has also visited 37 out of 165 anti-poaching camps to ascertain the level of preparedness of the wildlife guards and the amenities provided to them.*

The results of audit, recommendations and the response of the Department are incorporated in this Report. The Department has accepted all the recommendations.

The field work leading to this Report was carried out by an Audit team consisting of four members who were supervised by the Deputy Accountant General in –charge Revenue Sector Audit and the Accountant General (Audit), Assam. The NER wing of Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, New Delhi monitored the overall progress of the Performance Audit.

The audit has been conducted in conformity with Auditing Standards issued (March 2002) by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.