

## Preface

The provision of proper office and housing facilities to Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) personnel has an important bearing on the morale of the force as they work for long hours in trying working conditions. Despite the priority accorded to creation of infrastructure for offices and residential accommodation for CAPFs by the central government through successive five year plans, the reality on the ground is disconcerting. Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) while sanctioning the raising of units did not link adequate sanctions for the construction of office and residential buildings, which resulted in shortage of office and dwelling units for CAPFs. The conceptual framework for construction planning and activities was also modified successively by the MHA, but results were not encouraging, which was evident from prevailing low housing satisfaction level in CAPFs.

This all India performance audit assesses the status of construction activities in CAPFs and attempts to analyse the reasons as to why government lagged on this crucial welfare indicator. The core issues like delay in acquisition of land by CAPFs from state governments, lack of transparency in the selection of executing agencies, cost overrun and time overrun in construction projects, lack of coordination between executing agencies and CAPFs and poor monitoring of the construction projects by the executing agencies and CAPFs remained unresolved. If the government has to succeed in providing housing facilities to CAPFs in time, these flaws need to be fixed.

We hope that this Report prepared for submission to the President under Article 151 of the Constitution of India will throw up certain pointers to the planners and administrators in the government involved in this task of utmost importance for jawans guarding our borders and providing us internal security against terrorism and naxalism.

The audit has been conducted in conformity with the auditing standards issued by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

