## **Preface**

This Report for the year ended March 2018 has been prepared for submission to the Governor of Odisha under Article 151 of the Constitution of India for being laid before the State Legislature.

The Report contains significant results of the Compliance Audits of the Departments of Planning & Convergence, Science & Technology, Energy, Housing & Urban Development, Electronics & Information Technology, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water.

The instances mentioned in this Report are those, which came to notice in the course of test audit for the period 2017-18 as well as those which came to notice in earlier years, but could not be reported in the previous Audit Reports. Instances relating to the period subsequent to 2017-18 have also been included, wherever necessary.

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