

PREFACE

This Report on the finances of the Government of Bihar (GoB) has been prepared for submission to the Governor of Bihar under Article 151 of the Constitution.

This Report intends to assess the financial performance of the State during 2018-19 and to provide the State Legislature with inputs based on audit analysis of financial data. The Report also analyses the financial performance against the targets envisaged by the Bihar Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Act, 2016, the Finance Commission (FC) Reports, Rules and Codes meant for management of Government function and the Budget Estimates of 2018-19. The Report is structured in three Chapters.

Chapter-I is based on the audit of the Finance Accounts and makes an assessment of the Bihar Government's fiscal position as on 31 March 2019. It provides an insight into deficit management of Government, trends in revenue and capital expenditure, contingent issues, committed and obligatory expenditure, debt, investment and borrowing patterns.

Chapter-II examines the budgetary control, expenditure controls and its accounting thereon. It is based on the audit of Appropriation Accounts and gives Grant-wise description of appropriations and the manner in which the allocated resources were managed by the service delivery departments.

Chapter-III on 'Financial Reporting' provides an overview and status of the State Government's compliance with various financial rules, procedures and directives during the current year.

The Reports containing the findings of performance audit and audit of transactions in various departments and observations arising out of audit of Statutory Corporations, Boards and Government Companies and the Report containing observations on Revenue Receipts are presented separately.

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