

## PREFACE

This Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31 March 2018 is prepared for submission to the Governor of Kerala under Article 151 of the Constitution for being laid before the State Legislature.

The report contains significant results of the performance audit and compliance audit of the Departments and Autonomous Bodies of the Government of Kerala under the General and Social Services including Departments of Consumer Affairs, Co-operation, Fisheries, General Education, Home, Housing, Labour and Skills, Scheduled Castes Development, Scheduled Tribes Development and Water Resources.

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 period subsequent to 2017-18 are also included, wherever found necessary.

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

