

## **PREFACE**

1. This report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2018 has been prepared for submission to the President under Article 151 of the Constitution of India.
2. The Report contains the results of compliance audit of the Economic & Service Ministries/Departments of the Union Government, their attached/subordinate offices and Central Autonomous Bodies. Bodies or Authorities, which are substantially financed by grants/loans from the Consolidated Fund of India, are audited by the C&AG under the provisions of Section 14(1) of the Comptroller and Auditor General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971.
3. 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 those which came to notice in earlier years but could not be reported in the previous Audit Reports. Matters relating to the period subsequent to 2017-18 have also been included, wherever necessary.
4. The audit has been conducted in conformity with the Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

