

PREFACE

The accounts of Government Companies are audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) under the provisions of Section 143(5) to 143(7) of the Companies Act, 2013. The Statutory Auditors (Chartered Accountants) appointed by the CAG certify the accounts of such companies which are subject to supplementary audit by the CAG. The CAG gives comments on or supplements the report of the Statutory Auditors. The Companies Act, 2013 empowers the CAG to issue directions to the Statutory Auditors on the manner in which the Company's accounts shall be audited.

2. The CAG is the sole auditor in respect of five Corporations, namely Airports Authority of India, National Highways Authority of India, Inland Waterways Authority of India, Food Corporation of India and Damodar Valley Corporation. The CAG has the right to conduct a supplementary audit in respect of Central Warehousing Corporation after Chartered Accountants appointed under the statutes have conducted their audit.

3. Audit Reports on the accounts of a Government Company or Corporation for the year ended 31 March 2020 have been prepared for submission to the Government under Section 19A of the Comptroller and Auditor General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971.

4. The accounts of the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) reviewed in this Report cover the accounts for the years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (to the extent received). In respect of CPSEs where any particular year's accounts were not received before 31 December 2020, the figures from the accounts last audited have been adopted.

5. In respect of some CPSEs, figures for the previous year might not agree with the corresponding figures shown in the Audit Report No.7 of 2020 owing to replacement of provisional figures by audited/revised figures.

6. All references to 'Government Companies/Corporations' in this Report may be construed to refer to 'Central Government Companies/Corporations' unless the context suggests otherwise.