

PREFACE

1. The accounts of Government Companies set up under the provisions of the Companies Act (including Companies deemed to be Government Companies as per the provisions of the Companies Act) are audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) under the provisions of Section 143(6) of Companies Act, 2013. The accounts certified by the Statutory Auditors (Chartered Accountants) appointed by the CAG under the Companies Act are subject to the supplementary audit by CAG whose comments supplement the reports of the Statutory Auditors. In addition, these companies are also subject to test audit by CAG.
2. The statutes governing some Corporations and Authorities require their accounts to be audited by CAG. In respect of five such Corporations viz., Airports Authority of India, National Highways Authority of India, Inland Waterways Authority of India, Food Corporation of India and Damodar Valley Corporation, the relevant statutes designate CAG as their sole auditor. In respect of one Corporation viz., Central Warehousing Corporation, CAG has the right to conduct supplementary and test audit after audit has been conducted by the Chartered Accountants appointed under the statute governing the Corporation.
3. Reports in relation to the accounts of a Government Company or Corporation are submitted to the Government by CAG under the provisions of Section 19-A of the Comptroller and Auditor General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971, as amended in 1984.
4. The Audit Report for the year 31 March 2020 contains 42 individual audit observations relating to 32 CPSEs under control of 10 Ministries/ Departments. These Ministries/ Departments have been further grouped in the Audit Report under three Clusters namely, Energy, Industry and Infrastructure. There are 15 audit observations under Energy Cluster, 21 under Industry Cluster and 06 under Infrastructure Cluster. Instances mentioned in this Report are among those which came to notice in the course of audit during 2019-20 as well as those which came to notice in earlier years. Results of audit of transactions subsequent to March 2020 in a few cases have also been mentioned.
5. All references to 'Companies/ Corporations or CPSEs' in this Report may be construed to refer to 'Central Government Companies/ Corporations' unless the context suggests otherwise.
6. The audit has been conducted in conformity with the Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

