

Preface

This Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has been prepared for submission to the Governor of Andhra Pradesh under Article 151 of the Constitution of India for the year ended 31 March 2022.

This Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India contains the results of Performance Audit on 'Functioning of Mines and Geology Department', covering the period 2017-18 to 2021-22.

The instances mentioned in this Report are among those which came to notice in the course of test audit for the period 2017-18 to 2021-22 as well as 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 2021-22 have also been included, wherever necessary.

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

Audit wishes to acknowledge the co-operation received from Industries and Commerce (Mines) Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh at each stage of audit process.