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# CAG flags AAP's ₹29 crore advertisement blitz

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The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Delhi government spent ₹29 crore in advertisements released outside the Capital, which was "beyond" its responsibility, a Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report, tabled in the Delhi Assembly on Friday, said.

Of this amount, as much as ₹24.29 crore was in violation of Supreme Court regulations and rules governing financial propriety, the report said.

"Over 85 per cent of expenditure of ₹33.4 crore incurred in one specific publicity campaign pertained to advertisements released outside Delhi," it said.

### 'One Stop Centres'

The report also stated that the 'One Stop Centres' (OSCs) for rape survivors at 11 hospitals in the Capital did not have a single counsellor to provide victims the much-needed psychological assistance.

As per the report, 3,822 cases were reported at these centres from 2015 till August 2016, of which 1,219 were cases of sexual assault.

"Yet no counsellor was posted in any of the OSCs, in whose absence the basic objective of their creation remained largely unattended," it said.

### Violating guidelines?

The audit found that in several instances, the work of the government was projected as the AAP's achievements through the use of its symbol "broom" and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's name.

"On test check of records, it was observed that an expenditure of ₹24.29 crore

### Pointing out loopholes



- Government failed to complete the household survey to maintain a database of all children (till 14 years) and link it with the mapping of schools

Ads worth ₹24.29 cr were in violation of SC regulations

Government spent ₹29 cr on ads



- Enrolment in Class I in government and aided schools fell by 23% from 2,04,884 in 2010-11 to 1,56,911 in 2015-16

- In Directorate schools, 8,579 posts (22%) of the 38,916 sanctioned posts for teachers and librarians were vacant as of July 2016

- Delays in issue of licences and registration to Food Business Operators. 1,914 licenses and 12,200 registration certificates expired due to non-renewal.

- The conciliation and dispute redressal machinery for industrial disputes was neither fully constituted nor activated.

- Eleven projects of new hospitals are yet to be started



- Acute shortage of doctors, nurses and paramedics

- Factory licences granted without ensuring whether they had prepared the health and safety policy in 54 of 55 cases



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was incurred on advertisements and publicity campaigns that were not in conformity with the generally-accepted principles of financial propriety or the guidelines on content regulation approved by the Supreme Court," the report said.

It added that "a performance audit conducted from 2010-16 brought out that effective implementation of the RTE Act suffered due to poor planning and preparation, continuing vacancies as well as delay in release of funds and utilisation."

## 'Structural safety lacking in CP'

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It took two cave-ins in Connaught Place to stir the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) into action, but the CAG had raised concerns over structural safety of buildings here in its 2016 audit report.

In auditing the redevelopment of CP, the CAG found the plan and "structural safety of the area lacking". The CAG report said: "Facilities like subways, escalators, underground parking space and improvement of landscaping and lighting intended to ease traffic and pedestrian movement were not completed."

The report said the matter had been referred to the government and the NDMC in September 2015 and again in May 2016, but there were no replies as of August 16, 2016.