

Preface

Government commercial concerns, the accounts of which are subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, fall under the following categories:

- (i) Government companies,
- (ii) Statutory corporations, and
- (iii) Departmentally managed commercial undertakings.

This report deals with the results of audit of Government companies and Statutory corporations including Gujarat Electricity Board and has been prepared for submission to the Government of Gujarat under Section 19A of the Comptroller and Auditor General's (CAG) (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971, as amended from time to time. The results of audit relating to departmentally managed commercial undertakings are included in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Civil) - Government of Gujarat.

Audit of the accounts of Government companies is conducted by Comptroller and Auditor General of India under the provisions of Section 619 of the Companies Act, 1956.

In respect of Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation and Gujarat Electricity Board, which are Statutory corporations, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India is the sole auditor. As per State Financial Corporations (Amendment) Act, 2000, CAG has the right to conduct the audit of accounts of Gujarat State Financial Corporation in addition to the audit conducted by the Chartered Accountants, appointed by the Corporation out of the panel of auditors approved by the Reserve Bank of India. In respect of Gujarat State Warehousing Corporation he has the right to conduct the audit of accounts in addition to the audit conducted by the Chartered Accountants, appointed by the State Government in consultation with CAG. The audit of accounts of Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation was entrusted to the Comptroller and Auditor General of India under section 19(3) of the Comptroller and Auditor General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971, for a period of five years from 1977-78 and has been extended from time to time up to the accounts for the year 2006-07. In respect of Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission, CAG is the sole auditor. The Audit Reports on the annual accounts of all these corporations/Commission are forwarded separately to the State Government.

The cases mentioned in this Report are those which came to notice in the course of audit during the year 2002-03 as well as those which came to notice in earlier years but were not dealt with in the previous Reports. Matters relating to the period subsequent to 2002-03 have also been included, wherever necessary.