

PREFACE

Government commercial enterprises, 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.

2. This Report deals with the results of audit of Government companies and Statutory corporations and has been prepared for submission to the Government of Karnataka under Section 19 A 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 Karnataka.

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

4. In respect of Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation, Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation, North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation and North Eastern Karnataka Road Transport Corporation, 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 Karnataka State Financial Corporation in addition to the audit conducted by the Chartered Accountants, appointed by the Corporation out of the panels of auditors approved by the Reserve Bank of India. In respect of Karnataka State Warehousing Corporation, CAG has the right to conduct the audit of their accounts in addition to the audit conducted by the Chartered Accountants, appointed by the State Government in consultation with CAG. In respect of Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, CAG is the sole auditor. The Audit Reports on the annual accounts of all these corporations are forwarded separately to the State Government.

5. The cases mentioned in this Report are those, which came to notice in the course of audit during 2003-04 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 2003-04 have also been included, wherever necessary.