

PREFACE

This Report for the year ended March 2004 has been prepared for submission to the President under Article 151 of the Constitution.

The Report includes matters arising from test audit of the Finance Accounts and the Appropriation Accounts (excluding Railways) of the Union Government for the year ended March 2004. The observations arising from the audit of various financial transactions of the Ministries have been included separately in Reports No. 2. Matters arising from audit of some of the Information Technology Systems of the ministries and departments are dealt with in Report No. 3.

Separate Reports are also presented to Parliament for Union Government: Autonomous Bodies (No.4), Scientific Departments (No.5), Defence Services – Army and Ordnance Factories (No. 6), Defence Services-Air Force and Navy (No. 7), Railways (No. 8 and 9), Indirect Taxes - Customs (No. 10), Central Excise (No.11) and Direct Taxes (No. 12 and 13).