

## **PREFACE**

This Report for the year ended March 2004 has been prepared for submission to the President of India under Article 151 of the Constitution. It relates to matters arising from the test audit of the financial transactions of Ministry of Defence pertaining to Army, Ordnance Factories, Department of Defence Production & Supplies, Defence Research and Development Organisation, Border Roads Organisation and Military Engineer Services. The matters arising from the Appropriation Accounts of the Defence Services for 2003-2004 have been included in Audit Report No. 1 of 2005.

The Report includes 36 Paragraphs and two Reviews on (i) Working of Army Base Workshops and (ii) Performance of Ordnance Equipment Group of factories.

The cases mentioned in this Report are among those which came to notice in the course of audit for the period 2003-2004. Matters relating to earlier years which could not be included in the previous Reports and matters relating to the period subsequent to 2003-04, wherever considered necessary have also been included.