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PREFACE

This Report for the year ended 31 March 2004 has been prepared for submission to the President under Article 151(1) of the Constitution. It covers matters arising from test audit of the transactions of the Scientific Departments of the Union Government, the autonomous bodies funded by these Departments and other scientific institutions engaged in research and development and scientific pursuit.

This Report contains one review and 14 paragraphs. The subject of the review is *'Management of projects relating to utilisation and conservation of soil and water undertaken by institutes of ICAR'*

The observations in this Report are those, which were noticed by Audit during 2003-04. For completeness, the observations relating to earlier years not covered in the previous Reports have also been included, wherever pertinent. Similarly, results of audit of transactions subsequent to March 2004 have also been mentioned, wherever relevant.