

PREFACE

The Report for the year ended 31 March 2005 has been prepared in three volumes (No.5 and 11 of Performance Audit and No. 6 of Transaction Audit) for submission to the President under Article 151 (1) of the Constitution of India.

This volume (No.5 of Performance Audit) contains results of the following reviews:

- (i) Project management practices in Gauge Conversion and New Line Projects (Chapter I)
- (ii) Introduction of New Services through Supplementary Demands for Grants (Chapter II)
- (iii) Planning, execution and operation of Mass Rapid Transit System, Chennai (Chapter III)
- (iv) Performance appraisal of Medical and Health Services (Chapter IV)
- (v) Decentralisation of procurement of stores in Indian Railways (Chapter V)

The observations included in this Report have been based on the findings of the test-audit conducted during 2004-05 as well as the results of audit conducted in earlier years, which could not be included in the previous Reports.