**Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India**

**Audit of the Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Manipur**

**Opinion**

The Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Manipur for the year ended 31 March 2023 present the accounts of the sums expended in the year compared with the sums specified in the schedules appended to the Appropriation Acts passed under Article 204 and 205 of the Constitution of India. The Finance Accounts of the Government for the year showing the financial position along with the accounts of the receipts and disbursements of the Government for the year are presented separately.

On the basis of the information and explanations that my officers required and have obtained and as a result of test audit of the accounts, in my opinion, the Appropriation Accounts read with the observations in this compilation present fairly the accounts of the sums expended in the year ended 31 March 2023 compared with the sums specified in the schedules appended to the Appropriation Acts passed by the State Legislature under Article 204 and 205 of the Constitution of India.

Observations arising from audit of these accounts as well as audit conducted during the year or earlier years are contained in my Financial, Compliance and Performance Audit Reports on the Government of Manipur being presented separately for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Basis for Opinion**

The conduct of audit is in accordance with the CAG’s Auditing Standards. These Standards require that we plan and perform audits to obtain reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The audit evidence that we have obtained provides a basis for my opinion.

**Responsibilities for Preparation of the Initial and Subsidiary Accounts**

The State Government is responsible for obtaining authorisation of budget from the State Legislature. The State Government and those responsible for execution of budget such as treasuries, offices and departments of the Government of Manipur are responsible for preparation and correctness of the initial and subsidiary accounts as well as for ensuring the regularity of transactions in accordance with the applicable laws, standards, rules and regulations.

Also, they are responsible for rendering the initial and subsidiary accounts and information related thereto to the Office of the Principal Accountant General (Accounts and Entitlements) of Manipur for compilation and preparation of the Appropriation Accounts.

**Responsibilities for Compilation of Annual Accounts**

The Office of the Principal Accountant General (Accounts and Entitlements) of Manipur functioning under my control is responsible for compilation and preparation of Annual Accounts of the State Government. This is in accordance with the requirements of the Comptroller and Auditor General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971.

The Annual Accounts have been compiled from the vouchers, challans and initial and subsidiary accounts as received from the treasuries, offices and departments of the Government of Manipur and the statements received from the Reserve Bank of India.

**Responsibilities for the Audit of the Annual Accounts**

The audit of the Annual Accounts is conducted through the Office of the Principal Accountant General (Audit) in accordance with the requirements of Articles 149 and 151 of the Constitution of India and the Comptroller and Auditor General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971 for expressing an opinion on these Accounts based on the results of such audit.

The Office of the Principal Accountant General (Audit) and the Office of the Principal Accountant General (Accounts and Entitlements) are independent organisations with distinct cadres, separate reporting lines and management structure.

**Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ (GlRISH CHANDRA MURMU)**

**Place: New Delhi** **Comptroller and Auditor General of India**