

Preface

This Report has been prepared for submission to the President under Article 151 of the Constitution of India.

This Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India contains the results of compliance audit of Administration of Nazul Lands by Land and Development Office, an attached office of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. The functioning of Land and Development Office was earlier reviewed by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the Audit findings were included in Report No. 6 of 2009-10. The Report was discussed by the Public Accounts Committee and its observations and recommendations were brought out (27 April 2012) in their 59th Report (15th Lok Sabha) on 'Functioning of Land and Development Office'. The Public Accounts Committee further brought out (21 March 2013) 78th Report (15th Lok Sabha) on Action Taken by the Government on the observations/ recommendations contained in their 59th Report.

This Report presents the Audit findings on the follow-up action taken by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs/ Land and Development Office on the observations/ recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee. Audit covered the period from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2019, and the Audit findings have been subsequently updated upto 31 March 2021.

The Audit has been conducted in conformity with the Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

