## **PREFACE**

his Performance Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, containing the results of the performance audit of the implementation of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in Uttar Pradesh, covering the period April 2005 to March 2011, has been prepared for submission to the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, under Article 151 of the Constitution of India.

In July 2011, the Government of India and the Government of Uttar Pradesh, requested the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, to undertake an audit of the implementation of the National Rural Health Programme, in Uttar Pradesh, following which this performance audit was undertaken.

The NRHM, launched in April 2005, is a centrally sponsored programme aimed at providing accessible, affordable, accountable, effective, and reliable healthcare facilities in rural areas of the country, especially to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population.

At each stage of audit, the findings have been shared with the audited entities. The first draft was received by the Government of Uttar Pradesh (GoUP) on 01 December 2011. Pursuant to a letter dated 10 December 2011 of the Principal Secretary, Medical Health and Family Welfare, GoUP, some records and replies were furnished to Audit. The Exit Conference was held with the State Government on 16 December 2011. Audit findings, conclusions and recommendations were discussed in the exit conference. The State Government accepted most of the recommendations. The replies furnished by the State Government, and the issues flagged during the Exit Conference have been duly considered, and suitably incorporated at appropriate places.