

## *Preface*

This Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2013 has been prepared for submission to the Governor of Kerala under Article 151 of the Constitution of India.

The Report contains significant results of performance audit and/or compliance audit of the Departments of the Government of Kerala under the Economic Service including Departments of Agriculture, Food, Civil supplies and Consumer Affairs, Irrigation, Public Works, Tourism and Water Resources.

The instances mentioned in this Report are those, which came to notice in the course of test audit for the period 2012-13 as well as those which had come to notice in earlier years, but could not be reported in the previous Audit Reports; instances relating to the period subsequent to 2012-13 have also been included, wherever necessary.

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