

PREFACE

This Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India contains the results of the Performance Audit of Pricing Mechanism of Major Petroleum Products in Central Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies. The Audit covered the period from 2007-08 to 2011-12. The Report is based on scrutiny of documents/records of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG), Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) in MoPNG, Ministry of Finance, Central Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies viz. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL). In addition, a sample of six refineries i.e. one refinery each from BPCL (Mumbai) and HPCL (Mumbai) and four refineries from IOCL (Koyali, Panipat, Haldia and Bongaigaon) were also selected for detailed study.

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

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