

Preface

Despite the existence of the Mid Day Meal Scheme over two decades and initiatives of the government in making several improvements in the contents of the scheme over the years, the actual implementation of the scheme suffers from various shortcomings and lapses across the board. The last performance audit of the scheme undertaken during 2007-08 raised many red flags such as over-reporting of enrolment figures, cases of leakages, financial indiscipline, poor quality of meals and inadequate monitoring etc., which still persist.

The Report contains significant results of the performance audit on the implementation of the Mid Day Meal Scheme in 27 states (except Mizoram) and seven UTs, where the scheme was under operation. The instances mentioned in this Report are those which came to notice in the course of test audit for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 in the Ministry of Human Resource Development, State/District Nodal Departments and Primary/Upper Primary Schools/Centres.

We hope that this Report prepared for submission to the President under Article 151 of the Constitution of India will help in improved scheme delivery.

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