

## Preface

Hydro power is a renewable and environment friendly source of energy. As hydro power stations have the inherent ability for instantaneous operations, they are more responsive than most other energy sources, for meeting peak demand and improving reliability of the power system. As such it is important that existing hydro capacity is utilised optimally. Four CPSEs viz., NHPC Limited (NHPC), SJVN Limited (SJVN) THDC India Limited (THDC), and NHDC Limited (NHDC), with 23.72 per cent share in the hydro power generating capacity of the country, have a significant role to play in this regard.

In the above backdrop, performance audit was taken up to assess the effectiveness of activities from generation to collection of revenue by these four CPSEs between April 2009 and March 2014. In the wake of incident of flash floods on 16-17 June 2013 in Uttarakhand, specific aspect of disaster management in these CPSEs has also been covered.

The Audit Report has been prepared in accordance with Regulations on Audit and Accounts, 2007 and Performance Audit Guidelines, 2014 of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

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