## PREFACE

This Report for the year ended March 2016 has been prepared for submission to the Governor of Tamil Nadu under Article 151 of the Constitution of India.

The Report contains significant results of the Performance Audit and compliance audit of the Departments of the Government of Tamil Nadu under the General and Social Services including Departments of Home, Prohibition & Excise, Social Welfare & Nutritious Meal Programme, Revenue, Public, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare, Adi-Dravidar & Tribal Welfare, Health & Family Welfare, School Education and Higher Education. However, Departments of Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection, Municipal Administration and Water Supply, Special Programme Implementation, Finance, Law, Legislative Assembly, Personnel & Administrative Reforms, Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, Tamil Development & Information, Welfare of Differently Abled Persons, Youth Welfare & Sports Development, Housing & Urban Development and Labour & Employment are not covered in this Report on General and Social Services.

The instances mentioned in this Report are those, which came to notice in the course of test audit for the period 2015-16 as well as those which came to notice in earlier years but could not be reported in the previous Audit Reports; Instances relating to the period subsequent to 2015-16 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.