

## **Preface**

The Government of India launched the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) in April 2009 by modifying the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and subsuming earlier sub-missions/schemes. The NRDWP guidelines were further updated in 2013 with focus on piped water supply, increasing household tap connections and raising drinking water supply norms. The objectives of the Programme is to provide safe and adequate water for drinking, cooking and other domestic needs to every rural person on a sustainable basis.

A performance audit of the NRDWP was conducted to assess how far the objectives of the Programme were achieved. The performance audit covers the period from 2012 to 2017 and examines various aspects of the Programme such as planning, delivery mechanism, fund management, implementation including coverage of partially covered and quality affected habitations, water quality monitoring and surveillance.

This report has been prepared for submission to the President of India under Article 151 of the Constitution of India.

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

