

PREFACE

This Report, for the year ended March 2017, has been prepared for submission to the Governor of Karnataka under Article 151(2) of the Constitution of India for being placed in the State Legislature.

The Report contains significant results of the Performance Audit and Thematic Audit of the Departments of Government of Karnataka under Revenue Sector, including Commercial Taxes Department, Department of Stamps and Registration, Revenue Department, State Excise Department and Department of Mines and Geology.

The instances mentioned in this Report are those, which came to notice in the course of test audit for the period 2016-17 as well as those which came to notice in earlier years, but could not be reported in previous Audit Reports. The instances relating to the period subsequent to 2016-17 have also been included wherever found necessary.

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