

## PREFACE

This Report has been prepared for submission to the Governor of Jharkhand under Article 151 of the Constitution.

This Report on the finances of the Government of Jharkhand (GoJ) intends to assess the financial performance of the State during 2016-17 and to provide the State Legislature with inputs based on audit analysis of financial data. The Report attempts to analyse the financial performance against the targets envisaged by the Jharkhand Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2007, the Fourteenth Finance Commission (14<sup>th</sup> FC) Report and the Budget Estimates of 2016-17. The Report is structured in three Chapters.

**Chapter-1** is based on the audit of the Finance Accounts and makes an assessment of the Jharkhand Government's fiscal position as on 31 March 2017. It provides an insight into trends in expenditure on interest payments, salaries and wages, pensions, subsidies, repayment of debt and borrowing patterns.

**Chapter-2** is based on the audit of the Appropriation Accounts and gives grant wise description of appropriations and the manner in which the allocated resources were managed by the service delivery department.

**Chapter-3** is an inventory of the Jharkhand Government's compliance to various reporting requirements and financial rules.

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

