

PREFACE

The Performance Audit Report on Operational Performance of NMDC Limited has been prepared under the provisions of Section 19-A of the Comptroller and Auditor General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971. The Audit has been carried out in line with the Regulations on Audit and Accounts, 2007 and Performance Audit Guidelines, 2014 of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

The Audit covered the period from 2012-13 to 2016-17. The Report is in furtherance to Report No. 20 of 2012-13 (Commercial) of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, which covered the production and sale of Iron ore by NMDC Limited during the period 2005-06 to 2011-12. This Report examines the production, evacuation and sale of Iron ore, business diversification activities and investment in Joint Ventures by NMDC Limited during the period from 2012-13 to 2016-17.

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