

Preface

Utilisation of irrigation plays a significant role in economic growth and poverty reduction of the farmers of any state. Odisha has a cultivable land of around 61.80 lakh hectare and 49.90 lakh hectare can be brought under irrigation coverage through major, medium and minor irrigation projects.

The average annual availability of surface water for irrigation is estimated to be 95.54 billion cubic meters in Odisha. In order to manage the water resources of the state, 7 Major, 40 Medium and 2,340 Minor irrigation projects are operational. Budget provision for the surface irrigation during the period 2014-15 to 2019-20 was ₹30,366.51 crore, out of which ₹25,153.35 crore was utilised.

This report contains results of a Performance Audit of the Surface Irrigation in Odisha which was conducted with the objectives to assess the adequacy of financial management of projects; planning and execution of the project deliverables; and whether coordination with all stakeholders was ensured and monitored for sustainable extension of benefits to the targeted population during the period 2014-19.

The Performance Audit covered 24 Major/Minor irrigation and Mega Lift Projects which were completed/partly completed during January 2011 and March 2017.

This Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has been prepared for submission to the Governor of Odisha under Article 151 of the Constitution of India and under CAG's DPC Act 1971.

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