

PREFACE

This Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has been prepared for submission to the Lieutenant Governor of National Capital Territory of Delhi under Section 48 of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act, 1991 for being laid before the Legislative Assembly of the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

Children are the most vulnerable section in the society as they are in need of care by adults for their well-being and overall development. Children in Need of Care and Protection are those without homes, found begging, street children, mentally or physically challenged, orphans, trafficked or sexually exploited, drug/substance abusers, and other such cases. The National Policy for Children, 2013 provides that the State Government commits to taking special protection measures to secure the rights and entitlements of children. In order to ensure protection and promotion of child rights, the Government of India (GoI) enacted various laws. GoI also introduced the Integrated Child Protection Scheme in 2009 which was revised in 2014.

This Report has pointed out several shortcomings in the efforts made by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi towards providing care and protection to the children in need, especially delays in creation of institutions for this purpose and other measures for welfare of children such as release of funds to Child Care Institutions, declaring children free for adoption etc. Child Care Institutions suffered from shortage of staff, deficient physical infrastructure and inadequate medical facilities. The Government also did not implement Sponsorship Scheme and Foster Care Scheme aimed at providing financial support for children in need of caring to parents and encouraging individuals to become foster parents to such children.

