

PREFACE

This Report for the year ended March 2022, has been prepared for submission to the Governor of Odisha under Article 151 of the Constitution of India, for being laid before the State Legislature.

The Report contains significant results of Performance Audit on 'Welfare of Building and Other Construction Workers in the State' and Compliance Audits of the Departments of Scheduled Tribes & Scheduled Castes Development, Minorities & Backward Classes Welfare, Finance and Excise.

The instances mentioned in this Report are those, which came to notice in the course of test audit for the period 2021-22, as well as those which came to notice in earlier years, but could not be reported in the previous Audit Reports. Instances relating to the period subsequent to 2021-22, have also been included, wherever necessary.

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