

Preface

This Report has been prepared for submission to the Governor of Andhra Pradesh under Article 151 of the Constitution of India for being laid before the Legislature of the State.

Chapter 1 of this Report contains the basis, approach and structure of the Report, structure of Government Accounts, Budgetary processes, compliance with Andhra Pradesh State Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (APFRBM) Act targets, trends in key fiscal parameters like Revenue Surplus/ Deficit, Fiscal Surplus/ Deficit, *etc.*, and Fiscal correction path.

Chapters 2 and 3 of the Report contain audit findings on matters arising from an examination of Finance Accounts and Appropriation Accounts respectively, of the State Government for the year ended 31 March 2023. Information has been obtained from Government of Andhra Pradesh, wherever necessary.

Chapter 4 on ‘Quality of Accounts and Financial Reporting Practices’ provides an overview and status of the State Government’s compliance with various financial rules, procedures and directives during the current year.

Chapter 5 discusses the financial performance of Andhra Pradesh State Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and results of oversight role of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) through monitoring the performance of Statutory Auditors and supplementary audit of accounts of the PSUs. Audit Reports in relation to the accounts of a Government Company or Corporation are submitted to the Government by the CAG for laying before the Legislature of Andhra Pradesh under provisions of Section 19A of the Comptroller and Auditor General’s (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971 (as amended).

The Reports containing the findings of Performance Audit and Compliance Audit in various Government departments, observations arising out of audit of Statutory Corporations, Boards and Government Companies and observations on Revenue Receipts are presented separately.

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