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This Report has been prepared for submission to the Lieutenant Governor of National Capital Territory of Delhi under Section 48 of the GNCT of Delhi Act, 1991 for being laid before the Legislative Assembly of NCT of Delhi.

The State Finances Audit Report of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) intends to assess the financial performance of the NCT of Delhi during the financial year 2024-25 and to provide the Legislative Assembly with inputs based on audit analysis of financial data. The Report contains three Chapters.

Chapter I – Overview of the Finances of GNCT of Delhi

This chapter describes the basis and approach to the Report and provides a broad perspective of the finances of the GNCT of Delhi. It includes a macro-fiscal analysis of key indices and GNCTD's fiscal position including deficits/surplus and debt profile.

Chapter II – Budgetary Management

This chapter is based on the Appropriation Accounts of GNCT of Delhi and reviews the appropriations and allocative priorities of the Government and reports on deviations from Constitutional provisions relating to budgetary management.

Chapter III – Financial Reporting Practices

This chapter comments on the quality of accounts rendered by various authorities of GNCTD and issues of non-compliance with prescribed financial rules and regulations by various departments of the GNCT of Delhi.

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

Basis and Approach to State Finances Audit Report

In terms of Section 48 of the GNCT of Delhi Act, 1991, the reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) relating to the accounts of GNCTD are to be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor of the State, who shall cause them to be laid before the Legislative Assembly of NCT of Delhi. The Controller of Accounts, GNCTD compiles the annual Finance Accounts and Appropriation Accounts of the GNCTD based on vouchers, challans and initial and subsidiary accounts submitted by offices and departments under the control of the GNTCD, as well as statements received from the Reserve Bank of India.

These accounts are independently audited by the Accountant General (Audit) and certified by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

Finance Accounts and Appropriation Accounts of the GNCTD constitute the core data for this report. Other sources include the following:

- Budget of the GNCTD: For assessing the fiscal parameters and allocative priorities *vis-à-vis* projections, as well as for evaluating the effectiveness of its implementation and compliance with the relevant rules and prescribed procedures.
- Results of audit carried out by the office of the Principal Accountant General (Audit).
- Other data with departmental authorities and treasuries (accounting as well as MIS), GSDP data and other State related statistics.
- Various audit reports of the CAG of India.
- Best practices and guidelines of the Government of India (GoI).

The Draft State Finances Audit Report for the year 2024-25 was sent to the GNCTD in January 2026 for comments. A convenient date for conducting the exit conference was sought from Additional Chief Secretary (Finance), GNCTD, reply is awaited (February 2026). Replies received from the GNCTD as of February 2026 have been suitably incorporated in the Report.

Structure of the Government Account

The Accounts of the GNCTD are kept in three parts.

1. Consolidated Fund of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Section 46 of the GNCTD Act, 1991)

This Fund comprises all revenues received by the GNCTD, all loans raised by the GNCTD (loans from the Central Government) and all moneys received by the GNCTD in repayment of loans. No moneys can be appropriated from this Fund except in accordance with law and for the purposes and in the manner provided by the Constitution of India. Certain categories of expenditure (e.g., salaries of Constitutional authorities, loan repayments etc.), constitute a charge on the Consolidated Fund of the GNCTD (Charged expenditure) and are not subject to vote by the Legislature. All other expenditure (Voted expenditure) is voted by the Legislature.

2. Contingency Fund of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Section 47 of the GNCTD Act, 1991)

This Fund is in the nature of an imprest which is established by the Legislative Assembly of NCT of Delhi by law, and is placed at the disposal of the Lieutenant Governor to enable advances to be made for meeting unforeseen expenditure pending authorisation of such expenditure by the Legislative Assembly. The fund is recouped by debiting the expenditure to the concerned functional major head relating to the Consolidated Fund of the GNCTD.

3. Public Account

There is no Public Account separately for the Government of NCT of Delhi and transactions related to Public Account (Deposits, Advances, Reserve Funds, Remittances and Suspense) are merged in the Public Account of the Union Government. The closing balance of the GNCTD is merged with and forms part of the general cash balance of the Union Government and is treated as lying in deposit with the Union Government

Structure of Government Accounts of GNCTD