

P R E F A C E

1. *This is the first separate report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) on Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in Maharashtra. The report (for the year ended 31 March 2006) is prepared for submission to the Governor of Maharashtra under Article 151 (2) of the Constitution.*
2. *The Report sets out the results of audit under various sections of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Services) Act, 1971, in respect of financial assistance given to PRIs and ULBs.*
3. *The Report contains six Chapters. Chapter I (Section A) and Chapter IV (Section B) relate to the Accounts and Finances of the PRIs and ULBs respectively. Chapter II and Chapter V relate to performance reviews including IT reviews. The remaining Chapters contain observations arising out of transaction audit of selected Panchayati Raj Institution and Urban Local Bodies.*
4. *The cases mentioned in the Report are those which came to notice during the course of test audit of financial transactions during the year 2005-06 as well as those which had come to notice in the earlier years.*