

PREFACE

This epitome presents, at a glance, the contents of the Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India relating to Government of Goa for the year ended 31 March 2001. This Report contains major findings of audit of financial transactions of Government of Goa, Government companies and statutory corporations, other audit observations, which are not contained in this Audit Report are pursued for their settlement with controlling officers and head of offices.

In accordance with Article 151 of the Constitution, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India forwards his Audit Report on the accounts as well as on the points noticed during the audit of financial transactions of the State Government to the Governor, who causes them to be laid on the Vidhan Sabha.

The Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the transactions of the State Government presented to the Vidhan Sabha stand referred to the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in respect of civil and revenue receipts chapters and Committee on Public Undertakings (COPU) in respect of commercial chapter. The Government departments are to submit suo moto action taken note on all audit paragraphs and reviews to the Committee, duly vetted by Audit. The Committees select some of the paragraphs/reviews for detailed examination after which a report containing their observations and recommendations is presented to Vidhan Sabha.

The draft of the paragraphs/reviews included in the Audit Report are always forwarded to the Secretary of the concerned department for his comments so that the views of the Government are incorporated in the Audit Report before their presentation to the Vidhan Sabha. Finance department has prescribed that draft paragraphs should be disposed of as expeditiously as possible and the comments of the concerned department intimated to Audit within a period not exceeding six weeks. In a large number of cases, however, the department did not abide by the provisions about the comments on the draft paragraphs within the stipulated time.

This epitome contains only a summarised version of more important issues included in the Audit Report. While it has been our endeavour to keep the contents of this documents as close to the original Report as possible, the original Report ought to be referred to for authentic facts and figures. The names and telephone numbers of the officers who could be contacted for any clarification in respect of Audit Report are on the inner page of the back cover of this publication.