

## **PREFACE**

This Report for the year ended 31 March 2007 has been prepared for submission to the President under Article 151(1) of the Constitution. It covers matters arising from test audit of the transactions of the Scientific Departments of the Union Government, the autonomous bodies funded by these Departments and other scientific institutions engaged in research and development and scientific pursuit.

This Report contains 22 paragraphs, which include five long paragraphs on “Delay in setting up of a Nuclear Desalination Plant”, “Development and Application of Technologies in Raja Ramanna Center for Advanced Technology”, “Unfruitful expenditure on in-house projects in National Institute of Ocean Technology”, “Activities of Solar Energy Centre” and “Activities of Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute”.

The observations in this Report are those, which were noticed by Audit during 2006-07. For completeness, the observations relating to earlier years, not covered in the previous Reports have also been included, wherever pertinent. Similarly, results of audit of transactions subsequent to March 2007 have also been mentioned, wherever relevant.