

## **PREFACE**

This report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2007 containing the results of the Performance Audit on “Management of Waste in India” has been prepared for submission to the President of India under Article 151 of the Constitution.

The Performance Audit was conducted during July 2007 to December 2007 through document analysis, collection of responses to questionnaires, physical collection and testing of samples. Records and documents relating to the issue in the Performance Audit were examined:

- at the central level at the Ministry of Environment and Forests and Central Pollution Control Board between July 2007 to December 2007.
- at state level (in 24 states) and State Pollution Control Boards, State Forest Departments, State Urban Development Departments, municipalities, districts and hospitals. The sample consisted of 56 municipalities in 20 states, 56 districts in 20 states and 180 hospitals in 15 states.

The results of audit, both at the central level and the state level, were taken into account for arriving at audit conclusions. While framing the conclusions and recommendations, good practices regarding waste management in India and in other countries have also been quoted to illustrate the fact that these practices are possible in the field of waste management.