his Report has been prepared for submission to the Governor under Article 151 of the Constitution. The Report contains the results of the Performance Audit of 'Jalayagnam' in Andhra Pradesh since 2004-05 to 2011-12. The programme envisages development of irrigation infrastructure in backward, tribal and drought prone areas, involving construction of reservoirs and lift irrigation schemes, for creation of 97.46 lakh acres of ayacut and stabilization of the existing ayacut of 22.53 lakh acres.

Some of the irrigation projects taken up under Jalayagnam by the Government of Andhra Pradesh were covered in the Comptroller and Auditor General of India's Audit Reports for the years 2006-07, 2008-09 and 2009-10. The earlier audits were confined to a review of execution of some individual projects, performance of Godavari Water Utilisation Authority, implementation of Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme and Third Party Quality Control. The current Performance Audit focuses on the broad and macro issues in the implementation of Jalayagnam as a whole, by examining the core areas vital to the achievement of the stated objectives of the programme, while at the same time bringing out the specific concerns relating to execution of the 26 test checked projects.

The Audit has been conducted in conformity with the Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. The report has been finalized after considering the responses of the Government/Department in the Exit Conference held in July 2012 as well as its written replies.

Audit wishes to acknowledge the co-operation extended by the Irrigation and Command Area Development Department during the conduct of this audit.