

## INTRODUCTORY NOTES

The "Expenditure Profile" compiles relevant data across all Ministries/Departments in order to sketch a profile of the general financial performance of the Government of India.

It is one of the explanatory documents which aid economic analyses. The statements contained in this document are prepared on the basis of data/inputs given by Ministries/Departments. Some of the statements are based on the data contained in the Expenditure Budget.

The statements of this document reflect budgetary trends of important policy areas such as Gender Budget, Welfare of Children, resource allocation for North Eastern Areas, Welfare of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, etc. Besides, the consolidated information on types of schemes, Subsidies, Investment in Public Enterprises, resources of Public Enterprises, assistance to Autonomous bodies provide valuable macro perspective to different areas of Government. Subsequent to merger of Rail Budget with Union Budget in 2017-2018, statements were added to give detailed analysis of transactions of Ministry of Railways.

Efforts were concentrated at giving information with minimal repetition, detailed cross-referencing of tables and crisp, concise footnotes so that the information is of maximum utility to both a discerning analyst as well as a lay reader. The "Expenditure Profile" is divided into five parts, namely, Part I- General, Part II- States, Part III- External Sector, Part IV- Establishment and Public Enterprises and Part V - Railways Statements. Footnotes have been provided only where the entries are not self-explanatory and the components or explanations are non-intuitive, and therefore, every entry would not entail a footnote.