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THE COMPTROLLER & AUDITOR GENERAL OF
INDIA’S OBSERVATIONS

The then Prime Minister has approved inclusion of the summary of important audit observations on the Ministry’s working to be provided by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) in the Annual Report of the Ministry concerned vide Cabinet Secretariat D.O. letter No. 213/5/1/2202-CA.IV dated 01.08.2003 and D.O. letter No. 2100/E.Coord/2003 dated 02.01.2004.

The observations of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India vide Para 9 of CAG’s Report No. 4 of 2003 for Autonomous Bodies in respect of this Ministry are as follows:

“Idle Plant and Equipment: Placement of faulty purchase order by the Indian Jute Industries Research Association and lack of effective follow up action and operating a plant at a jute mill without either entering into any formal agreement or considering the viability of running the plant in the jute mill resulted in plant and equipment costing Rs 45.66 lakh remaining idle. The objectives of the projects also could not be achieved.”

Action Taken: The Action Taken Note have been sent to the Office of the Principal Director Audit, Economic & Services Ministries, AGCR, New Delhi for vetting.