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# CAG pulls up govt, CM blames it on politics

**AD SPEND** Delhi govt spent ₹29 crore in advertisements outside Delhi, auditor says

... it was beyond govt's responsibility

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**NEW DELHI:** The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India has pulled up the Arvind Kejriwal government for spending ₹29 crore on advertisements outside Delhi, which it said was "beyond its responsibility".

The government also received flak for issuing ads worth ₹24 crore that were in violation of "financial propriety and Supreme Court regulations".

The central auditor's report on social sector for the financial year 2015-16 was tabled in the Delhi assembly on Friday.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) came back to power in Delhi in February 2015. It presented its first full-fledged budget for the financial year 2015-16, allocating ₹522 crore to the department of publicity and information.

Though the ad budget was brought down to ₹100 crore in the revised estimates, the cost of ads released during 2015-16 may go beyond ₹114.21 crore.

**GUIDELINES VIOLATED**  
In the report, the CAG pulled up the Kejriwal government for using the name and symbol of the AAP in official ads and referring to the government as 'Kejriwal sarkar' and 'Aam Aadmi Party Sarkar'. This, the CAG said, was against SC guidelines that say there should be "political neutrality" in government ads and they shouldn't glorify politicians.

The CAG said the ads on women's safety attempted to

## FINDINGS OF THE DELHI CAG REPORT (2015-16)

A list of what the audit found in the functioning of various Delhi government departments

### ADVERTISEMENT SPENDING BY AAP GOVERNMENT IN 2015-16

- Ads worth ₹29 crore released outside Delhi was "beyond its responsibility"
- Ads worth ₹24 crore were in violation of "financial propriety and Supreme Court regulations"
- Violations of guidelines in maintaining political neutrality in government advertisements
- No prior exercise to identify target audience
- Non-verifiable content in ads claiming money saved in construction of three bridges, dispensary

### RIGHT TO EDUCATION FROM 2010 TO 2016

- Implementation suffered due to poor planning, continuing vacancies, delay in release of funds
- Enrollment in Class 1 in government and aided schools fell by 23% from 2,04,884 in 2010-11 to 1,56,911 in 2015-16
- ₹18.29 crore sanctioned during 2015-16 for the construction of additional rooms and toilets remained unutilised
- Due to non-creation of adequate infrastructure the schools have adverse student classroom ratio
- 8,579 posts (22%) of teachers and librarians vacant in Delhi government school as of July 2016.
- SCERT was allotted ₹12.46 crore for conducting training. Only ₹4.75 crore was utilised



### DENGUE, CHIKUNCUNYA CONTROL PROGRAMMES

- Only 30% health facilities reported dengue data, making surveillance ineffective
- MCDs engaged unskilled people for checking domestic mosquito breeding
- The methods or the chemical formulations used for treating 86% houses are not prescribed or recommended by national agencies
- Fogging, which was routinely carried out, is effective only in emergency situations
- In 2015, of the 409 dengue deaths reported by hospitals only 60 were

confirmed by the death review committee

- Delhi government spent ₹10 crore on awareness campaigns that started after the outbreak of dengue

### CONNAUGHT PLACE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

- Objective to restore architectural and heritage character while easing traffic and pedestrian movement was not achieved
- Scope of the project drastically reduced from ₹615.20 crore to ₹477.02 crore
- Facilities like subways, escalators, underground parking space, etc not completed

Social Sector