## Preface

The Central Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation is bringing out rgular publication entitled "Compendium of Environment Statistics India" providing detailed statistics on five core parameters, namely, bio-diversity, atmosphere, land/soil, water and human settlement suggested by the Framework for Development of Environment Statistics (FDES) published by United Nations Statistical Division in 1984. This issue is Sixteenth edition in the series.

Through this annual publication, Central Statistics Office is trying to bring out the environment related data to the extent which exhibit the pattern of changes and their magnitude in the Indian context. It has been our endeavour to bring more disaggregated data as per the requirement of users. The Compendium is expected to serve the needs of Environment planners and policy makers as well as other Government and Non-Government organisations and research institutions working in the field. It is expected that the readers will find this publication useful.

The data given in this publication is based on the information provided by the Union Government Ministries / Departments / Organisations and their published records / websites. I express my deep gratitude to all data source agencies which contributed the valuable data / information and supported our efforts to bring out the publication.

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I hope the Compendium will be found useful by these involved in the policy, planning, management, administration and research in the areas related to environment.

Suggestions/comments for improvement of the Publication will be highly appreciated and may be sent at ddg.ssd-mospi@nic.in.

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