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### **Preface**

The Central Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation is bringing out annual publication entitled "Compendium of Environment Statistics India" as per the Framework for Development of Environment Statistics (FDES) published by United Nations Statistical Division in 1984. This issue is Seventeenth edition in the series.

Environment is a cross cutting issue and plays an integral role in achieving sustainable development objectives. The Compendium of Environment Statistics aims to serve as reference material for environment planners and policy makers as well as other Government and Non-Government organizations and research institutions to increase awareness and knowledge of the environmental situation of the country. The need for improvements in the field of data and statistics to monitor progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the associated need for statistical capacity building in developing countries have been highly recognized. As the country is committed to the Post 2015 Global Development Agenda, that is achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), this Compendium could be an important source of information to the indicators related to some of the SDGs set. This publication provides a comprehensive picture of the environmental situation of the country and provides an important instrument for policy integration and informed decision making.

The data given in this publication is based on the information provided by the Union Government Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations 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.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the officers of Social Statistics Division and all those who have contributed directly and indirectly in bringing out this Publication in its present form.

I hope the Compendium will benefit all those who are involved in the field of policy, planning, management, administration, and research in the areas related to environment.

Comments/suggestions for further improvement of the Publication would be welcomed and will be highly appreciated.

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