

## **Preface**

*The National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) conducted an integrated survey of various aspects of housing conditions during July to December 2002. A part of the survey was an enquiry into the housing condition of the population: the structures of dwelling units, their area, their access to basic facilities, other amenities available, details of construction undertaken by households, and so on. The first report on this survey namely NSS report No. 488 describing the housing stock and constructions has already been released.*

*This is the second and final report based on the enquiry on housing condition. It contains information on the various essential services available to households, including drinking water, drainage arrangement, garbage disposal, etc. The extent of use of certain durable goods such as radio, television, washing machine, refrigerator, car, computer, etc. is discussed in the report. Some features of households staying in hired accommodation are also included in this report. Some migration related data are also presented, including incidence of migration involving entire households, and households experiencing in- and out-migration of members, during the past one year. The report also includes some information on households living in notified and non-notified slums, such as duration of stay in the slum, earlier place of stay, possession of documents of identification, and benefits received while in the slum.*

*The Survey Design and Research Division (SDRD) of the NSSO developed the survey methodology and prepared the report. The Field Operations Division (FOD) conducted the fieldwork of the survey and the Data Processing Division (DPD) processed and tabulated the data as per the tabulation plan. The Coordination and Publication Division (CPD) coordinated the overall survey activities. I am grateful to the members of the Governing Council of the NSSO as well as the members of the Working Group for providing technical guidance for conduct of this survey and bringing out this report.*

*I hope the report will be useful to planners and policy makers. Comments and suggestions for improvement will be most welcome.*

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