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PREFACE

It has been the endeavour of the Indian Statistical System to build an elaborate data base by capturing a wide variety of information on various indicators relating to diversified Indian Economy. The Central Statistical Organization (CSO) in the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation has the responsibility of this great task.

The Volume-I of the Publication "Compendium of Selected Indicators of Indian Economy" containing time series data for 50-60 years relating to 11 sub sectors of the economic sector was released by the CSO on the Statistics Day i.e. 29th June, 2009. The present publication is Volume-II of the Compendium which gives data on social sector covering various sub-sectors viz. Education, Demography, Health & Family Welfare, Labour & Employment, Housing Conditions, Availability of Water, Local Bodies, Gender, Environment, Accident Crime including Prison, Twenty Point Programme (TPP), etc.

The TPP was launched by the Government of India in 1975 and thereafter was restructured a number of times. The TPP aims at monitoring selected indicators and items pertaining to schemes/programmes of the Government, the objectives of which are eradication of poverty and improvement in the quality of life of the common man. As the TPP has undergone restructuring from time to time, efforts have been made to give time series data in different phases in the publication.

The CSO in coordination with the participating Ministries has been tracking the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The indicators which are being monitored to keep track of the progress of MDGs are very important and hence an attempt has been made to give the time series data as available with the line Ministries.

There has been a persistent demand from data users for a long time series data set for analytical purposes. Volume-I and Volume-II of the Compendium put together cover almost all sectors of the Indian Economy. Besides presenting the data, the publication contains charts & graphs and major highlights of the performance of the social sector.

Compilation of the time series data is a stupendous job as it involves consulting various publications and the Ministries for the back series and also in ensuring consistency of the data. This publication, which is in continuation of Volume-I, is an outcome of the new initiative taken by the Research & Publication Unit (RPU) of CSO. The job done by Smt. Madhu Bala, Additional Director General and Shri V. Parameswaran, Deputy Director General is a commendable one and the work put in by the team of officers and staff of RPU in preparing this valuable publication deserves appreciation.

I am sure that this publication would be very useful to all and particularly will help the policy makers and researchers for detailed analysis of performance of the economy.

The Ministry would like to place on record its appreciation to all Central Ministries and other Organisations for their cooperation in supplying the information needed for preparation of this publication.

We would welcome suggestions for any improvement in the publication.

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