

## Preface

The Compendium of Environment Statistics 2011 is the twelfth edition of its series, which initially started since 1997. It broadly covers the five core parameters, viz., biodiversity, atmosphere, land/soil, water and human settlements suggested by the Framework for Development of Environment Statistics (FDES) published by United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) in 1984. The FDES sets out the scope of environment statistics by relating the components of the environment to information categories that are based on the recognition that environmental problems are the result of human activities and natural events reflecting a sequence of action, impact, and reaction. Through this annual publication, CSO is trying to bring out the environment related information to the extent to which the data exhibit the pattern of changes and their magnitudes in the Indian context. It is interesting to note from the feedback from the users of the data that it had created genuine interest among planners and policy makers, industries, researchers and academia. An attempt has been made to reorient and reorganize the data without disturbing the kernel based on FDES since the eleventh edition. It is our endeavor to bring in more disaggregated information as per the requirements of the users based on the feedback received from them. The users are requested to express their views and ideas so that the same could be addressed in the ensuing issues.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the data source agencies for their support for this issue of the publication. I hope that they may continue to do so in future too to further improve the usefulness of this publication.

Under the leadership of Smt. S. Jeyalakshmi, Additional Director General, a team of dedicated officers like Shri. V. Parameswaran, Deputy Director General, Smt. Ratna Chaudhury, Director, Shri. S. Suresh Kumar, Deputy Director, and Shri. Rajesh Kumar Panwar, Senior Statistical Officer have exhibited enormous commitment in compiling this publication.

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