

## FOREWORD

Energy sector is one of the basic infrastructure sectors, for any country. We can not talk about self reliant growth and development without energy security.

Proper energy planning is essential for achieving energy security. Every country has to formulate its own policy to optimize the use of different energy sources for meeting the demands of its household, agricultural, industrial and commercial sectors. This necessitates an integrated and updated database of the production and consumption of different energy sources viz., coal, crude, petroleum, natural gas and electricity (hydro and nuclear).

Good Energy Statistics are also required to monitor energy losses, to control environmental damage due to energy processes and to improve the overall efficiency of energy generation and use.

At international level, UN has set up a “City Group” on Energy Statistics, which is popularly known as “OSLO Group” and India is one of the members of the group. India was the host for organizing the second meeting of OSLO Group at New Delhi in February, 2007. In this meeting India offered to develop the chapter on “Data Collection Strategies”, of the proposed “Revised UN Manual on Energy Statistics”. I am happy to note that the Economic Statistics Division of CSO, has completed the job successfully, which was discussed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of “OSLO Group” held at Vienna during February 4-6, 2008. Once this Handbook is fully developed, it will improve the data comparability across the countries.

The present issue, “Energy Statistics 2007”, is the 15<sup>th</sup> issue in the series. The objective of this publication is to meet the information needs of national and international policy makers, administrators and researchers concerned with the energy sector. Time series data relating to

production, availability, consumption and price indices of major sources of energy in India for 37 years (from 1970-71 to 2006-07) have been presented in this publication.

I hope the publication will prove to be useful to the policy makers, planners and researchers interested in the field of Energy. Suggestions for the improvement of the Publication are welcome.

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