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### PREFACE

The present issue of the “Statistical Year Book India 2012” (earlier called “Statistical Abstract”) is 45<sup>th</sup> edition of the publication in the series. The present volume of the publication contains comprehensive data on economic and social sectors, spread in 44 Chapters covering more than 350 tables. The data includes the latest state-wise indicators. In addition, a variety of Graphs and charts have been given to represent pictorial data.

As in the previous years, attempt has been made to enhance the scope of the publication by adding more data in the present publication besides giving descriptive details and other highlights about various indicators covered in the publication. It also includes metadata and explanatory notes for the sake of better referencing and analysis.

The Statistical Year Book India is due to the team effort of the officers and staff of the Research and Publication Unit of the Central Statistical Office (CSO) in editing, compiling and presenting the data. I would like to place on record the commendable job done by them led by Sh. S.Maitra (since transferred) and Sh. T R Mohanty, both Deputy Director General and Smt Rajneesh Jain, Director, under the overall guidance of Sh. A.K. Bhatia, Additional Director General, CSO. I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of Computer Centre in CSO in preparing CDs of the publication and uploading the publication on the website of the Ministry, in a user-friendly mode.

We shall welcome any suggestions for improvement in the contents and quality of the publication.

  
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