

FOREWORD

Economic Census is one of the great challenges before the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) and I have a great pleasure to see that the all India Report on the Fifth Economic Census (EC-2005), a joint venture of Central and State Statistical Organisations, is being published.

The main objective of Economic Census has been to prepare a frame of all “establishments” engaged in various economic activities which serves as a basic input for conducting detailed surveys pertaining to any specific activity of the economy.

To improve the utility of the data collected and to improve the quality of data generated new initiatives were introduced permitting us to get the types of structures occupied by establishments, directory of establishments employing 10 or more workers etc. ICR technology has been used for the first time in this data processing to avoid any possible error in transcription of the data

The results of EC-2005 are being published in two volumes. Volume-I contains the all India figures on the number of enterprises and their employment, cross-classified according to their locations, major activity groups, type of the establishments, size-class of the employment, etc. The disaggregated data for States/UTs are also included in this volume. Volume II of the results will be published in electronic form giving types of structure occupied by the establishments and also a directory of establishment engaging 10 or more workers. Besides, unit level data will also be available to the user.

It is hoped that the data generated through this Census will meet the requirements of planners, policy makers and researchers.

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