FOREWORD

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) of the National Statistical Organisation (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation introduced the new series of national accounts statistics with base year 2004-05 in place of the previous series with base year 1999-2000 on 29.1.2010 through a Press Release, along with the Quick Estimates of National Income, Consumption Expenditure, Saving and Capital Formation, 2008-09. The changes made in the new series at sectoral level have been documented in a detailed brochure entitled "New series on National Accounts Statistics (base Year 2004-05)", which is available in the Ministry's website, www.mospi.gov.in.

2. This issue of National Accounts Statistics (NAS), therefore, presents the estimates of national/domestic product, consolidated accounts of the nation, private final consumption expenditure, savings, capital formation, and public sector transactions for 2004-05 to 2008-09 in accordance with the new series. Besides these estimates, this publication also includes separate Statements on Advance Estimates for the year 2009-10 released on 8th February 2010.

3. We are grateful to the Central Ministries and Departments, Departmental and Nondepartmental Commercial Undertakings, Reserve Bank of India and the Directorates of Economics and Statistics of all the State/UT Governments for their cooperation in making available the requisite data for compiling the National Accounts Statistics. We welcome suggestions from users for improvement in the coverage and/or presentation of information and data included in this publication.

4. I would like to place on record my deep appreciation for the efforts of all officers and staff members of the National Accounts Division (NAD), CSO in bringing out this publication timely under the guidance and supervision of Shri Ramesh Kolli, Additional Director General. Special mention in this effort needs to be made for the contributions of Shri Rajiv Sharma, Smt. T. Rajeswari, Deputy Director Generals, Shri S.K. Gupta, Deputy Director and Shri S.K. Mittal, Assistant Director, NAD, CSO in collating and editing the material for the publication.

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