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## FOREWORD

The Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) in the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MOS&PI) is the nodal agency for all statistical activities in the country. It coordinates statistical activities among statistical agencies in the Government of India and State Directorates of Economics and Statistics.

As a part of the functions of CSO, it brings out number of publications through which data relating to various sectors of the economy are disseminated. Some of these publications have a standing of over 60 years. One such publication is 'Statistical Abstract, India' which is brought out annually giving comprehensive and time-series data on almost all sectors of the economy.

The Statistics disseminated by CSO on various socio-economic aspects have been found to be very useful by planners and researchers and national and international bodies. Time-series data have its own importance in the subject of statistics as information for several years enables one to study the trend so as to arrive at meaningful conclusions and make realistic projections for the future.

The present publication titled "Compendium of Selected Indicators of Indian Economy" which is a special issue is the outcome of the initiative taken by CSO for consolidating the data for 50 to 60 years in respect of different sectors of the economy. Volume I of the publication covers data relating to various indicators of Economic Sector, which includes Agriculture and Allied Activities, Power, Transport, Banking, Finance etc. Volume II of the publication will cover data on Social Sector.

Disseminating information for several years is a commendable job. I am sure that this publication will be of immense use to all national and international organizations, research institutions, policy-makers, etc. as the long time-series data presented thereof will be helpful in making detailed analytical studies.

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