

Preface

Indian Statistical System is one of the oldest and robust in the world. The development process of the country is monitored through the statistics collected from the base level sources. The Central Statistics Office (CSO) in the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation is the nodal agency for all statistical activities in the country. As part of the functions of CSO, it brings out number of publications through which data relating to various sectors of the economy are disseminated. These publications provide relevant information to the planners and policy makers in addition to industries, researchers and the academia. One such publication is 'Compendium of Environment Statistics'.

The importance of the environmental impact of development was felt by the policy makers after the Stockholm Conference of 1972 as India was also a party to the Conference. The publication of Framework for Development of Environment Statistics (FDES) by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) in 1992 gave a new direction in this regard. CSO publishes the Compendium of Environment Statistics since 1997 by broadly covering five core parameters relating to biodiversity, atmosphere, land-soil, water and human settlements.

The present issue 'Compendium of Environment Statistics India 2010' is eleventh in its series. In the present volume, an attempt has been made to re-orient and re-organize the data without disturbing the broad parameters suggested by FDES, thereby bringing qualitative and quantitative improvements in the publication. We are duty bound to bring out the publication in a more meaningful manner so that the basic issues related to Environment statistics are addressed to the extent to which the data are available in the public domain.

We, at CSO, value the continued support provided by the data source agencies since the inception of this publication and hope that they may support for our future endeavors. We express our sincere gratitude to all of them.

Under the leadership of Smt. S. Jeyalakshmi, Additional Director General, a team of dedicated officers like Shri. V. Parameswaran, Deputy Director General, Smt. Sunitha Bhaskar, Director, Shri. S. Suresh Kumar, Deputy Director and Shri. R. K. Panwar, Statistical Investigator have exhibited enormous commitment in compiling this publication.

We presume that the readers may like the new format and find it more useful. However, there is enough room for further improvement and hence comments and suggestions of the data users are welcome.

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