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Preface

The role and need of statistics, statistical database and computerized management information system needs no emphasis and an efficient and reliable database is the most critical factor in the development process of any economy. There is no gamut of economic activity of a nation including developmental planning, which can be properly undertaken without a sound, comprehensive and reliable database. The efficacy of any plan on policy depends on the quality of the information on which it was formulated and how efficiently it is monitored. There is no programme or activity, which can be properly monitored or evaluated without using the wide range of tools and techniques available with the statistician. Policy directions and the initiatives best taken depending on the reliability of the projections and forecasts made.

The importance of Statistics, Surveys, inquiries, statistical concepts and most importantly of statistical control was recognized by the framers of our Constitution. The authority and responsibility for collection of statistics relating to a particular subject field is determined by the overall responsibility for the subject under the Constitution. State-level data is utilized to compile the national - level data for the sectors. However, the Central Government acts as the Coordinating Agency for presentation of statistics on an all India basis even in areas where the states have the primary authority and responsibility for collection of statistics.

The responsibility for collection of statistics on different subject - specific areas, like agriculture, labour, commerce, industry and the like rests with the concerned Administrative Ministries of the Central Government. Large-scale statistical operations like the Population Census. Annual Survey of Industries and Economic Census are centralized. Data/indicators available in the Statistical Year Book 2016 have been updated by assembling data from respective Ministries/Departments/Organizations.

The present issue of Statistical Year Book, 2017 is the 50 edition of the publication of the series and is expected to serve as an important basis for the policy makers both at the Centre and States. The Publication is expected to be extremely valuable for Research Institutions and Research Scholars as well.

I wish to place on record my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the various Ministries/Departments, as without their cooperation it would not have been possible for us to organize and complete the publication. However, much more needs to be done to improve the content, quality and timeliness of the data. I also like to place on record and acknowledge the valuable contributions made by my entire team staff in RPU. We whole heartedly welcome your valuable suggestions, comments and views for effectively improving the Publication further, in content quality and scope. Suggestions for Statistical Year Book, 2018 can be sent to rpu-cad@nic.in.



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