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PREFACE

The Abstract seeks to present in a single volume a representative selection of the principal heads of national statistics classified both by regions and by categories. In the present issue it has been found desirable to include in certain tables, *e.g.* Foreign Trade, the latest available figures relating to the fiscal year ended March 1952. The Abstract has accordingly been renamed as for 1951-52.

Some minor alterations have been made in the format of the tables resulting in deletions, such as in the case of the table relating to insanity. As usual, explanatory notes have been provided for each section of the volume describing the scope of the data. Advantage has been taken of the availability of satisfactory material from part B states and these figures have been included in the relevant tables notwithstanding the slight incidental delay. The primary sources of data are indicated at the foot of each table. More detailed information will be available in the relevant Departmental publications. Acknowledgement is due in this context to the various Ministries of the Government of India and the State Governments for their valued cooperation and to the public for the extremely useful suggestions made from time to time.

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The following symbols have been used throughout the Abstract :

.. = Not available,

— = Negligible or nil,

Some of the units of measurements used are explained below :

One lakh = 100,000

One crore = 10,000,000

One maund = 82 $\frac{2}{7}$ lbs.

One ton = 2,240 lbs.

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