



**SAMPLE
REGISTRATION
SYSTEM
1970-75**

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PREFACE

The traditional method of obtaining vital rates is the Civil Registration System whereby events are reported and recorded soon after the occurrence. Civil Registration in India is still deficient in coverage and completeness. In order to meet the immediate requirement of providing reliable vital rates for purposes of planning and policy decision, the Office of the Registrar General, India, initiated a sample registration system (SRS). It started functioning covering the country both in the rural and urban areas, since 1970.

A report on the Sample Registration System for each of the five zones for the period 1970-75 has been brought out which incorporates the details of the functioning of the system together with data on population composition, fertility and mortality at the state level. In the present study an attempt has been made to analyse the levels, trends and differentials in regard to population composition, fertility and mortality at the national level for the period 1970-75 and also to highlight the broad differentials among states and by rural and urban areas. Based on the SRS mortality pattern for the period 1970-75, Life tables have been constructed separately for rural and urban areas, the details of which have been included in a separate chapter. A chapter on evaluation of the SRS death registration for 1970-75 using Brass Technique is also included.

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