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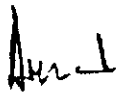
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P R E F A C E

In the absence of dependable data from Civil Registration System in India, the Sample Registration System (SRS) is the main source of information on fertility and mortality indicators at state and national levels. The SRS mechanism involves collection of data through two different procedures viz., continuous enumeration and retrospective half-yearly survey which is followed by a process of matching of the two records and subsequent field verification of unmatched and partially matched events. The methodology provides a cross-check on the correctness and completeness of events of births and deaths listed in both the records.

This report while presenting data for the year 1988 gives a detailed account of the salient features of the SRS along with other aspects connected with the implementation of SRS. The report also contains an analysis of data relating to population composition, fertility and mortality. The analysis aims at describing the population composition by broad age-group, the overall levels of fertility as well as the level of fertility for different age groups of women, including married women, the overall level of mortality as well as the mortality level for various age-groups during the year 1988. It also aims at bringing out the rural-urban and inter-state differentials as well as sex-wise differentials, wherever relevant. Further, the analysis aims at indicating the changes over recent years. It may be noted that whenever comparative statements over time have been presented, only 15 major States are covered as against 17 in other statements. This happens because in two States viz., Bihar and West Bengal, SRS data had been deficient prior to 1980 and, hence, not presented.

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