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On attaining independence, a comprehensive and continuous programme of developmental planning had been undertaken by India in various fields of Socio-Economic concerns through various Five Year Plans. A need, therefore, arose to evolve suitable indicators for the monitoring and impact evaluation of these socio-economic programmes. To meet this felt need Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) brought out a brochure entitled "Selected Socio-Economic Indicators for India" in December, 1987 covering items on various fields of social concerns. Since this publication was found to be quite useful by different types of users, CSO started bringing it out as a regular publication and till now four issues have been published. This year the coverage of the publication has been slightly enlarged by incorporating three additional tables in the field of housing.

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I hope, this publication will go a long way in meeting the needs of the planners, policy makers and research workers in understanding the changes occurring in the different fields of social concern. However, we shall be grateful for suggestions, specifically about the inclusion of new indicators.

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