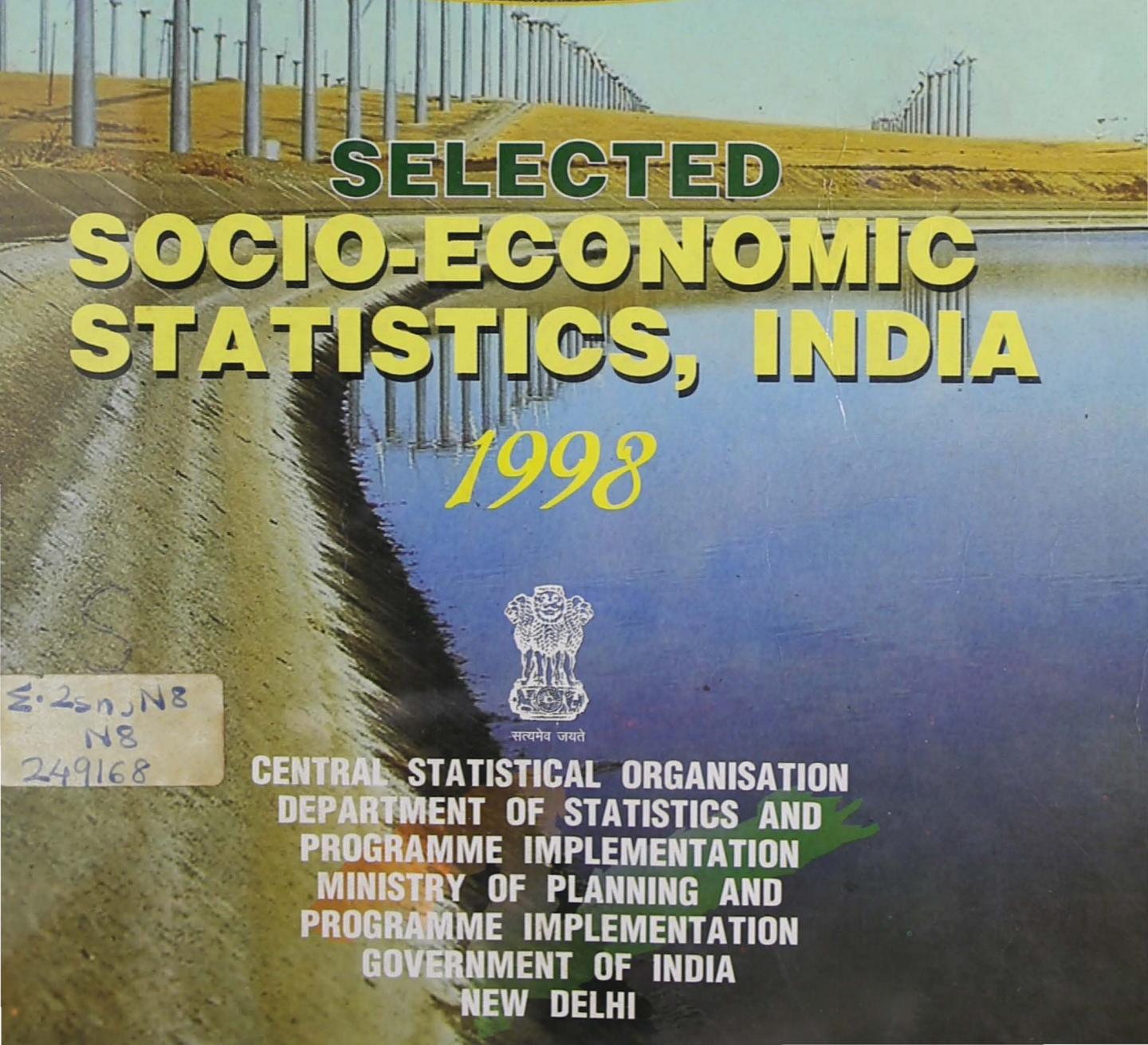
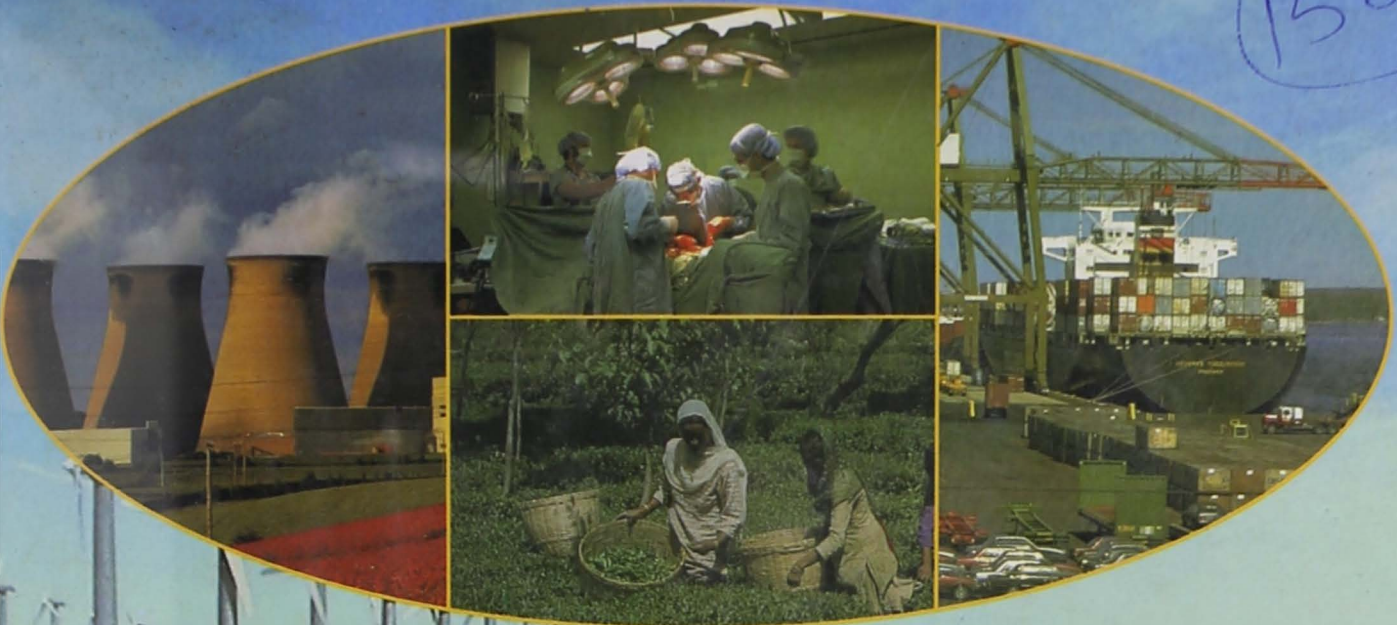


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PREFACE

During the last 50 years of independence, the country has taken long strides in the sphere of socio-economic development through sustained planned development efforts. It has been the endeavour of the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) to provide relevant and up-to-date socio-economic statistics being generated by different Government and other organizations to planners, policy makers and research scholars on a single platform for critical assessment and evaluation of various developmental programmes being implemented in the country. The present volume of the publication "Selected Socio-Economic Statistics, India", seventh in the series of such publications since its inception in 1987, is an effort in this direction. A very positive response from users of the publication has encouraged us to continuously expand and improve the coverage and quality of the publication over the years. With this issue, the publication has been made most up-to-date and previous backlog has been liquidated.

2. In the present issue, an attempt has been made to enlarge the number of indicators by including 18 additional tables on various areas of social concerns. A new chapter on International Comparisons containing Human Development Index (HDI), Gender Empowerment Measure (GEM) and Health Profile of the population of selected developed countries and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries has also been added. Data given in this chapter will help the readers in attempting comparison of Indian situation with some other countries. A commensurate number of Graphs and Charts have also been added to make the presentation of data more user-friendly. These changes, I hope, would make the publication more useful and informative.

3. Our endeavour would not have borne fruit but for the willing support and cooperation of various data source agencies by way of supplying desired data / information which is the latest available on the subject. I thank all of them for their help and ready cooperation.

4. The publication has been prepared in the Social Statistics Division of the Central Statistical Organisation under overall supervision and guidance of Shri R. L. Narasimhan, Deputy Director General. Dr. R. N. Pandey, Joint Director, took keen interest in enlarging the scope of the publication and improving its presentation. He was ably assisted by Dr. Vidya Dhar, Deputy Director, Shri Suraj Bhan, Assistant Director, S/Shri Ajay Rawat and Rajesh Panwar, Junior Investigators, Ms. Chander Tara and Shri Gurdeep Singh, Senior Computers in preparation of the manuscript. Shri Bechu Bhagat, Stenographer, provided excellent stenographic assistance. All of them deserve my sincere thanks and appreciation.

5. I am sure that the present issue of the publication, like its previous issues, would be useful to planners, policy makers and research scholars in understanding, in all its dimensions, the socio-economic changes fast taking place in the country. Any suggestion from users regarding improvement in coverage and presentation of the publication would be highly appreciated.

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