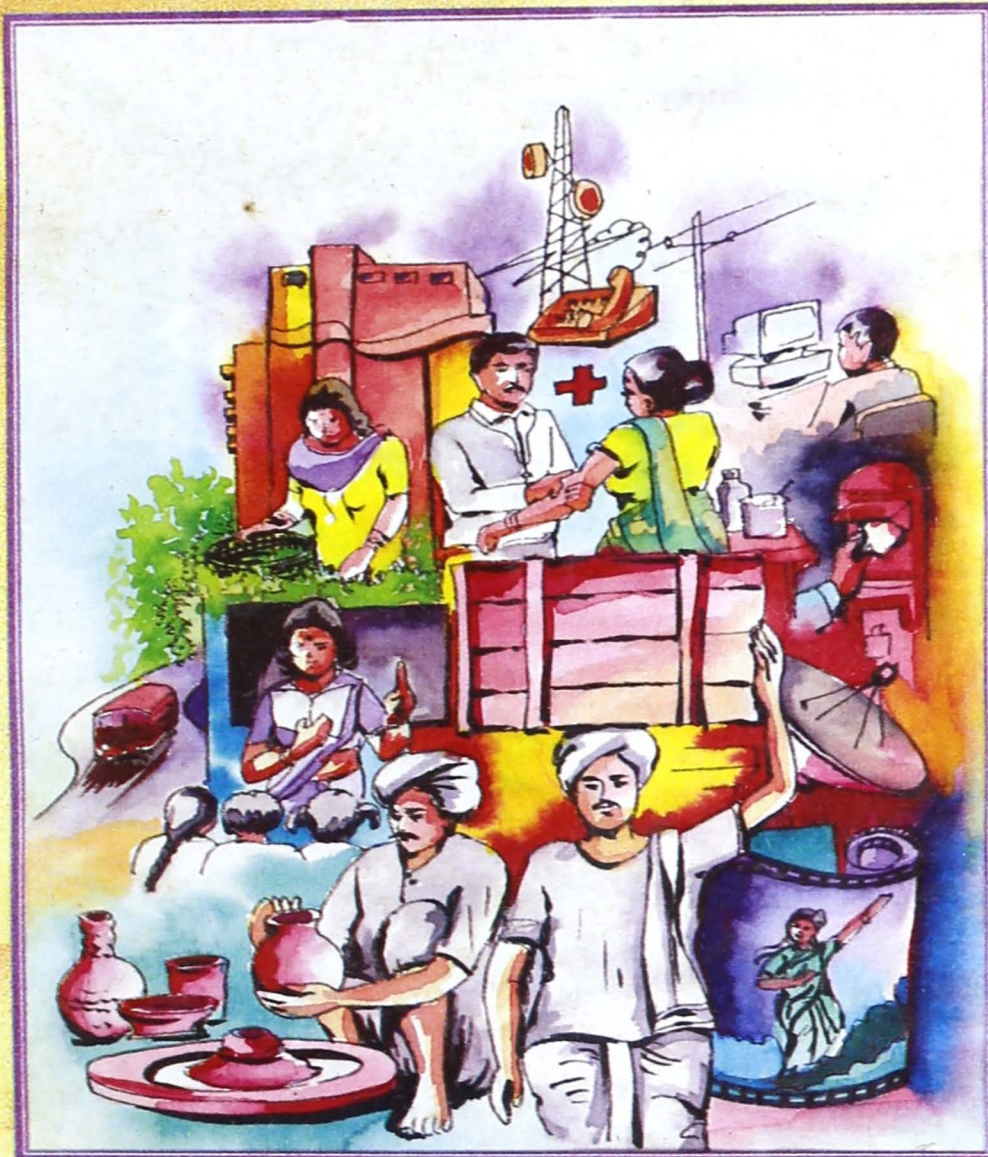


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PREFACE

Reliable and up-to-date statistics is the backbone of any developmental planning and policy formulation. This has become more important in the context of economic liberalization programmes currently underway in the country. As the nodal department for the official statistics, it has been the endeavour of the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) in the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation to make available such statistics and indicators for general view. One of the various ways of serving this objective is to bring out a publication entitled "Selected Socio-Economic Statistics for India" on a regular basis. Keeping in view the utility of publication expressed by various users it has now been made an annual publication. The present issue is eighth in the series of this publication.

Efforts have been consistently made to improve the coverage, content and presentation of the publication and make it more users friendly. With this aim in view a number of new graph and charts have been incorporated. With these changes, I hope our esteemed readers will find this publication more useful and informative.

But for the active and willing support of the various data source agencies by way of supplying desired information/data with the minimum possible time lag, it would have not been possible for the CSO to bring out this publication. I sincerely thank all of them for their cooperation and hope that the same cooperation would continue in future also.

The publication has been prepared in Social Statistics Division of Central Statistical Organisation under overall supervision and guidance of Shri R.L. Narasimhan, Deputy Director General. Dr. R.N. Pandey, Joint Director, took keen initiative in enlarging the scope and quality of the publication. Shri Suraj Bhan and Shri Rajesh Bhatia, Assistant Directors, Shri Ajay Rawat and Shri Rajesh Panwar, Junior Investigators, Ms. Chandertara and Shri Gurdeep Singh, Computer (Senior Scale) sincerely put in hard work in collecting the required data and preparing the manuscript of the publication. All of them deserve my sincere thanks and appreciation.

I hope that this publication will go a long way in meeting the felt need of planners, administrators and researchers in understanding changes taking place in the social economic situation of the country. Though on our own we have been trying to improve the coverage and quality of this publication, suggestions from the esteemed readers for the same are most welcome.

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