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PREFACE

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- 2. A review of the subject coverage of the Statistical Abstract is made regularly with a view to introducing improvements in the light of the latest developments and the availability of fresh data. Changes effected in the tables in the current issue as compared with the previous issue are given at page (ix).
- 3. The Statistical Abstract serves as an important source material for authentic data on different sectors of the Indian economy. The primary agencies are indicated at the foot of each table. The relevant publications of these agencies furnish more detailed information on the subjects concerning them. In some cases, advance data are provided by the source agencies for incorporation in the Abstract.
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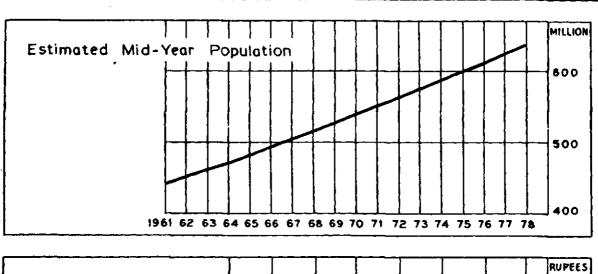
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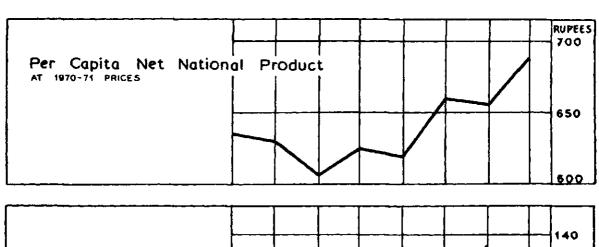
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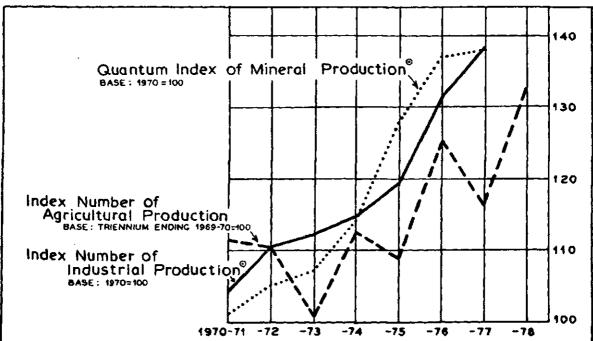
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1	79	78	Data for financial year 1976-77 onwards has been furnished as per revised classification of countries by economic regions.
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5	168	167 & 168	National Product at factor cost s earlier consolidated table has been split into two tables—one 'at current prices' and the other "at 1970-71 prices'.
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