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## PREFACE

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The following symbols have been used throughout the Abstract :

.. = Not available,

— = Negligible or nil.

Some of the units of measurements used are explained below :

One lakh = 100,000

One crore = 10,000,000

One maund = 82  $\frac{2}{7}$  lbs.

One ton = 2,240 lbs.

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<b>CLIMATE.</b>		
1	5	In the Bright Sunshine table, the maximum and minimum duration figures have been deleted.
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH AND VITAL STATISTICS.</b>		
2	19	Infant mortality rates have been added in the table showing abstract statement of births and deaths, etc.
3	27	In the table relating to mental patients, columns 11-14 regarding religion of patients have been omitted.
<b>AGRICULTURE.</b>		
4	142	Heading of the table "Total area and classification of area" has been changed to "Land Utilisation Statistics".
5	143	Table relating to "Area under irrigation in India" has been shifted from 'Agriculture' to 'Irrigation' Section.
<b>FORESTS.</b>		
6	151	Table regarding 'Area under Forests' has been elaborated into "Area by ownership and area by legal status".
7	151	'Outturn of forest produce' has been elaborated into 'Major produce and minor produce'.
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8	156	Table relating to 'Employment in mines' has been shifted to 'Labour (employment)'.
<b>LABOUR.</b>		
9	157	Under Employment in factories (Part A & C States) the distinction between 'Government and Local Fund Factories' and 'other factories' has been eliminated and the figures have been combined.
10	158	Employment in factories in the former princely states has been shown as Employment in Factories in Part B & C States and the Classification of factories has been brought into conformity with that of Part A & C States.
11	162	Table for 'Accidents, holidays, convictions, etc. in factories' has been renamed as 'Accidents in factories' and statistics for holidays, convictions, etc. have been altogether deleted.
12	175	Table relating to "Industrial Disputes in India" has been shifted from 'Industrial Production' to 'Labour'.
13		The heading has been changed from 'Industrial Labour' to 'Labour'.

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<b>INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION.</b>		
14	168—169	Census of manufacturing Industries has been amplified.
15	170	Table regarding Cotton Mills—Production has been split up into two tables and brought into conformity with the general pattern of Statistical Abstract.
16	171	Production of selected industries—items have been increased from 67 to 87.
<b>TRADE UNIONS.</b>		
17		Working of (a) Workers' Unions and (b) Employers' Unions has been separately shown.
18	176	Table on Number of Unions and membership have been separately shown.
19	176	Table on income and expenditure has been amplified.
20	177	Table on classifications of Unions according to Industries contains detailed information.
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21	190—191	Two tables relating to (a) subventions, (b) expenditure from the Central Road Fund have been combined into one.