

A HANDBOOK
OF
IRRIGATION AND POWER DATA

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CENTRAL BOARD OF IRRIGATION AND POWER

PREFACE

In the field of water resources development quite an impressive record of achievement has been registered since Independence—thanks to the foresight and pre-eminent importance being given to this by the Planning Commission and the Government of India in the successive Plans. The number of dams constructed, irrigation area increased, power generation stepped up, in the various parts of India are so colossal that it has become necessary to get a comprehensive appraisal of their magnitude in a single reference book.

The Central Board of Irrigation and Power has been endeavouring to collect statistical information in this regard from various authorities, but it has not been possible to get a complete picture up-to-date from any source so far. Meanwhile, quite a number of enquiries are being received in the office of the Board requesting information on these topics from various organisations both from abroad and within the country. It was, therefore, considered necessary to bring out a handbook on the available information.

It is not claimed, however, that what is contained in this small booklet is either up-to-date or complete and it is our intention to review and re-edit it from time to time with the active co-operation of the profession.

In compiling this handbook, Shri T.N. Taploo of this office has taken considerable pains and initiative in searching out the various data from the Library and other sister institutions and in this task his has been a labour of love.

The valuable suggestions for improvement of this edition, we expect to receive, will be a measure of the need for such a handbook and we hope in the coming years, this annual pamphlet of the Board will become a useful reference book with every engineer in the profession.

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