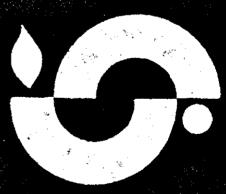


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## PREFACE

Civil registration system in India being deficient, sample registration system(SPS) has been the main source of information on fertility and mortality indicators at state and national level for more than a decade. Based on the mechanism of dual record system, the SRS combines in itself the advantages of both, registration method as well as survey procedure. The mechanism of dual record system provides a cross-check on the correctness and completeness of events of births and deaths listed in either records. Thus the SRS mechanism involves collection of data by two agencies, through two different procedures, viz, continuous enumeration and retrospective half-yearly surveys which is followed by a process of matching of the two records and subsequent field verification of unmatched and partially matched events.

This report, while presenting the data for the year 1981 gives a detailed account of the salient features of the SRS alongwith the organisational and operational aspects involved in the implementation of SRS. The report also contains an analysis of the data relating to population composition, fertility and nortality. The analysis aims at describing the population composition by broad age-group, the levels of fertility both overall as well as for different age-groups of women, the overall level of mortality as well as the mortality-level for various age-groups during the year 1981. It also aims at bringing out the tural-urban and inter-state differentials as well as sex-wise differentials wherever relevant. Further, the analysis aims at indicating the changes over the recent years. This report is broadly similar to earlier reports in the series. However, an additional feature of this report is that an attempt has been made to provide estimates of net reproduction rates on the basis of SRS based abridged life tables and SRS age-specific fertility rates.

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