

SPECIAL REPORT

CAUSES OF MORTALITY IN MAHARASHTRA
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PREFACE

Knowledge of causes of morbidity and mortality is indispensable for objective planning of health programmes and also for epidemiological studies. Unfortunately, in India, information is very scanty even at present in this respect. A beginning was however made to get reliable data on causes of mortality for sizeable population by introducing medical certification of causes of death on International Form in the urban areas of Maharashtra in 1969. This report prepared by Dr. H.N. Ranganathan, Chief of the State Bureau of Health Intelligence & Vital Statistics, describes briefly the background of our efforts and the pattern of mortality causes observed in urban areas of Maharashtra during 1970-72. Although the data pertain mainly to the urban population, however, they have a value due to total absence of reliable data in the field.

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