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The Statistical Abstract for India seeks to present in two volumes a representative selection of important heads of national statistics classified both by regions and by categories. It does not claim to cover the entire range of available material in all its detail but in many cases the primary source indicated at the foot of each table may be in a position to provide some supplementary data conforming, of course, to existing practice with regard to timing and coverage.

2. Many new lines of statistics have emerged since the release of the Abstract for 1946-47 but however desirable it might be to enlarge the compendium to include an adequate number of additional tables, practical difficulties would permit only a gradual expansion of the size of the publication. However, thanks to the whole-hearted co-operation of the Press in this matter, it has been found possible to raise the number of tables contained in the present issue to more than 300 from 260 in the last.

3. The rule adopted with regard to presentation is to provide annual totals as far as possible for ten years for the whole country and data for the latest year for the constituent units. Indian statistics have been through a series of dislocations in the past, the latest of which has been due to the merger of certain Princely States with the restwhile Provinces. It has not been possible to make any general adjustment for these factors or even to indicate to what extent individual series are affected by change of territory or of method of computation. A special case has, however, been made in the case of Partition and an attempt has been made to work out, with a view to facilitating comparison of pre-partition data with the latest figures, illustrative estimates of the percentage share attributable to existing Union territory in regard to selected sectors of statistics (*vide* Annexure at pages 1777 to 1795).

4. During the war, the progress of statistical compilation was interrupted in some measure by the pressure of more urgent work of high priority and, in fact, it was only very recently that figures for the quinquennium ending 1945-46 could be finalised. By the courtesy of the Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics the older data thus compiled have now been integrated with more recent returns so as to provide continuous time series under at least the principal heads.

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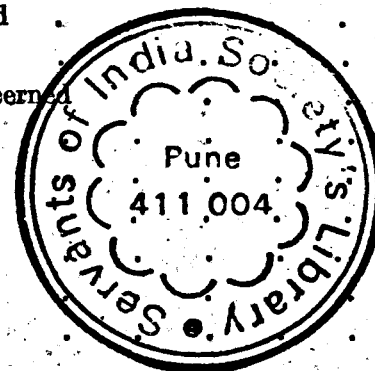
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