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PREFACE

The role of key indicators for evaluating the benefits of various development programmes is well recognised. Keeping in view the importance of the social indicators, a brochure entitled 'Social Information of India : Trends and Structure' was brought out in 1983 as a joint venture of the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) and the Indian Council of Social Science Research. The brochure contained indicators pertaining to different fields of social concern such as population, vital statistics, employment, health, education, etc. Time series data on some social indicators were also presented in the brochure. Since then fresh data have become available on several indicators. In the current publication, data on the indicators given in the earlier brochure have been up-dated and few more indicators added.

2. Data presented in the 1983 publication were taken from various status papers prepared by individual researchers. However, for the current publication it has been possible to obtain the same from the concerned agencies. In view of this there may be instances where data given in the current publication may not be comparable with the corresponding data given in the earlier publication. Explanatory notes on tables, wherever required, have been given for the benefit of users towards the end of the publication.

3. The publication has been prepared in the Social Statistics Division of the CSO under the over-all guidance of Shri M.S.Ahluwalia, Director, who was ably assisted by Shri S. Natarajan and Shri S.P.Mishra, Joint Directors, Dr.R.N.Pandey, Deputy Director and Shri S.Dhar, Assistant Director. Shri Deep Chand, Junior Investigator and Miss A.V.Lakshmi, Computer were also actively involved at various stages of the preparation of the publication. I would also like to thank the concerned organisations for their cooperation and promptness in making available the necessary data.

4. I am sure the data presented in the publication will be useful to the planners, administrators and researchers in reviewing the changes occurring in the different fields of social concern. Although efforts have been made to cover as many indicators as possible, there is always scope to add more. Suggestions in this regard as also in bringing about other improvements in the publication are welcome.

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