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P R E F A C E

On the eve of bifurcation of the former Bilingual Bombay State, the Bureau of Economics and Statistics, Government of Bombay published two handbooks entitled "The Handbook of Basic Statistics of Maharashtra State — 1960" and "The Handbook of Basic Statistics of Gujarat State — 1960". The main object of these publications was to make available a broad picture of the Socio-economic conditions of the new States of Maharashtra and Gujarat. The scope of these publications was limited, and hence, it was not possible to include therein all detailed statistical data.

The present Statistical Abstract is the first of its series to be published after the formation of new State of Maharashtra. An attempt has been made in this publication to present detailed statistical data relating to the Socio-economic characteristics of the new Maharashtra State. It is hoped that this publication would be found useful for a quantitative appraisal of the socio-economic aspects of the State.

Most of the statements of the Abstract are presented in Metric Units. Consequent upon bifurcation of the Bombay State, some areas of Thana and Dhulia districts were transferred to Gujarat. It was not found feasible to adjust in all cases, figures corresponding to the present Thana and Dhulia districts. Further, in some cases, relevant statistics had not been published and hence the same had to be collected from the original sources. In a few cases, estimates for some of the years had to be prepared to fill up the gaps. To that extent, the figures published may be treated as provisional. An explanatory note on the sources, limitations, etc. of these statistics is given in the Appendix.

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