PREFACE '

In the present issue of the 'Handbook of Basic Statistics of Maharashtra State', as usual, an attempt has been made to give in a concise form the latest available social and economic statistics relating to Maharashtra State. The opening table presents certain important statistics for the State vis-a-vis India to facilitate comparison between the State and the Country. The trends in selected indicators can be obtained from the last series of tables.

In attempting to give up-to-date information, provisional data have sometimes been presented. Such data are likely to be revised when the final figures become available.

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