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#### PHEFACE

Reduction in regional imbalances of educational development is a major objective of the National Policy on Education. To promote this programme, it is necessary to collect statistics of educational development in the different regions of the country periodically and to publish them for information and use by all concerned.

The Ministry of Education publishes annually statistics of educational development in the different states of the Indian Union. But as imbalances of educational development between one district and another are far more pronounced than those between one State and another, it was decided to collect and publish statistics of educational development in the districts also every five years. Accordingly, such statistics were collected and published, for the first time, for the year 1960-61.

The study is now being repeated for the year 1935-63 and it is proposed to bring out a separate volume on the district educational statistics of every State. It will contain statistics for the year 1965-65 along with comparative data for the year 1960-61. To make inter district comparisions possible, some important indices such as enrolment ratio, percentage of trained teachers, per capita expenditure on education, etc., will also be included.

In this programme of pringing out 16 volumes for all the States of the Union (except Nagaland) this solume is the seventh and is devoted to the educational statistics of districts in KeralaState. It has been based on the data collected from the State Department of Education.

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