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Foreword

Gender statistics form the basis for analysis to assess differences in the situations of women and men and how their conditions are changing over the time. The gender statistics raise consciousness and provide the thrust for requisite change in social behaviour by increasing public awareness on the prevailing conditions of women and men. Gender statistics provides necessary inputs to the policy makers in formulating appropriately focused interventions in assessing and bridging the gender-based disparities.

Ending all forms of discrimination against women and girls has a multiplier effect crosscutting all other development areas. Empowering women and promoting gender equality is very critical for sustainable development. One goal, i.e. Goal 5, out of 17 SDGs is dedicated for Gender Equality. The country is gearing up for reporting the data on globally and nationally identified indicators for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The availability of appropriate gender statistics would facilitate in pursuing the SDG's underlying objective of *Leaving No One Behind*.

I hope this publication, which is the Nineteenth in the series, would be useful for the planners, policy makers, researchers and academicians to better perceive the policies and contribute towards achieving the Sustained Development in a time bound manner.


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Preface

Gender statistics plays a crucial role in gender mainstreaming the developmental policies and programmes. Gender statistics reflect information on the responsibilities, activities, interests and priorities of women and men and their socio economic conditions.

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) in its endeavour to facilitate the policy makers in evolving the best developmental policies, has been bringing out the publication "Women and Men in India" on a regular basis.

The publication "Women and Men in India" provides sex-disaggregated data at State and Central level for various social indicators. The publication includes important indicators as derived from published official data of different Ministries/Department/Organisations. It brings variety of available gender statistics at one place to serve as a single platform for accessing gender statistics by variety of users.

I wish to place on record my sincere appreciation for the team of officers under the guidance of Shri Pravin Srivastava, Additional Director General for their valuable contribution in bringing out this publication.

I hope, this publication will be a useful reference to all the stakeholders. Suggestions to improve such publications in future are most welcome.

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