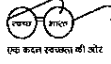


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### FOREWORD

In the decentralized Statistical System of India where various entities both at Central and State Level are involved in the production & dissemination of statistics, the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, being the nodal agency, has been bringing out consolidated reports on diverse socio economic indicators for a long time to meet requirements of data relating to the various fields. To meet such requirements, to a great extent, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has been bringing out an yearly publication namely Statistical Year Book (earlier called as Statistical Abstract) which provides both time series and cross sectional data covering various sectors. The Ministry has now brought out its latest edition namely Statistical Year Book, 2016.

The present publication (49<sup>th</sup> in the series) includes all India time series data for over a decade and State level time series data for recent years. Further, to contextualize the performance of various sectors in India, chapter wise commentary has been given indicating global and domestic environment, Government policies and interventions that shape up various sectors, international comparisons, historical trends etc besides current performance. References and Sources of data have also been indicated for further analysis by users of data.

In view of the size involved and in recognition of growing concerns to reduce carbon footprints, the publication is being released only on web and shall be available on the website of the Ministry ([www.mospi.nic.in](http://www.mospi.nic.in)). The same was done during last 2 years also.

I take this opportunity to thank all the source agencies for their cooperation in supplying the data for the publication and place on record my appreciation for Officers and staff of Research and Publication Unit associated with the compilation of the Year Book. I would be glad to receive suggestions regarding improvement of the publication.

  
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