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PREFACE

Agriculture, the primary sector, is playing a vital role in providing food, as one of the basic necessities of human kind. The Agricultural sector is the base for any development achieved in secondary and tertiary sector of economy. So the data analysis and inference of Agriculture statistics are considered to be very important, for measuring the development of economy of any part of the country.

This report has been designed to serve the policy makers, dealing with preparation of production plans for agriculture and food in a manner to study the objective maintained above, providing data on Agriculture, Rainfall including seasonal conditions, prices of agricultural commodities and wages of agricultural labour. This report, fifty first in its series, has been classified into 3 divisions, where as Part-I briefly gives an account of population, rainfall and seasonal conditions, classification of area, area of crops irrigated and the area under all crops as well as production and yield particulars. Part-II of this report, contains summary tables of the Union Territory as a whole for the last five years enabling comparison over a period of time. Part-III of this publication presents region-wise statistics of the year under reference.

I wish to record my special appreciation to the Officers and officials associated in Agricultural Statistics Section, with special reference to field operations. Suggestions for the improvement of this publication are highly solicited.

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