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PREFACE

There is need to develop most productive, profitable, efficient, ecofriendly and sustainable rice based cropping system to increase cropping intensity and improve socio economic conditions of rice forming community with the objectives such as :

- 1. Analysing the performance of rice based cropping pattern.**
- 2. Yield gap analysis of different crops grown under rice based cropping system.**
- 3. Analysing factors affecting yield pattern/gap.**

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, forty fifth in its series, has been brought out in three parts, where Part-I of the report 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 issue contains summary tables presenting the data for the Union Territory as a whole for a period of five years from 2002-03 to 2006-07 enabling comparison. Part-III of this publication presents detailed region - wise statistics of the year under review.

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