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### FOREWORD

The Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Government of Puducherry is releasing the forty seventh issue of the annual publication viz. "Season and Crop Report" pertaining to the agricultural year 2008-2009 (July to June).

The overall economic phenomenon of an agricultural society depends on the modernisation, growth and expansion of Agriculture. Statistics on diverse facets of agriculture are required both to enlighten the confronting farming as well as farmers in Puducherry in the context of emerging scenario in the National Economy and to throw light on priority access in need of policy intervention.

In Puducherry it is in fact that while the area under crops has been consistently shrinking down, the yield has remained more or less stable, indicating higher productivity through introducing improved techniques of cultivation.

I appreciate the efforts taken in bringing out this publication by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics and hope the publication will be put to advantageous use by those concerned with the development of Agriculture and rural Puducherry, in particular.

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