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### **MESSAGE**

**In Agriculture the Union Territory of Puducherry, witnessed a growth in food grain production in the last half a centenary mainly due to introduction of high yielding a varieties and planned investments made in agriculture through expansion of irrigation facilities and spread of fertilizer and credit outlets coupled with supportive price polices. Increase in Agricultural production and productivity leads to enhancement in the income of the farmers. This increased income of the rural community will lead to attractive development to non-agricultural occupation, as well as Industry.**

**Unless the developments are recorded by a detailed blue-print of implementation and monitoring techniques, the state Agricultural policy will only be in paper or rather it will only be only in wishful thinking. In order to make the developments picturised the Directorate of Economics & Statistics is periodically bringing out a report in the name of " Season and Crop Report" in annual basis.**

**I place on record my congratulations and appreciation for the Director and the Staff of the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Puducherry towards providing of data in almost all aspects of the Agriculture. Let this effort pave way for more progress in this vital sector in the coming years.**

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