<u>CHAPTER – I</u>

Introduction

The Government of India extended the Collection of Statistics Act to the Union Territory of Puducherry in 1962. According to this Act, the Central Government is responsible for the Collection of Industrial Statistics in order to enable the State Government to participate in the Collection of Industrial Statistics. The Director of Economics and Statistics, Government of Puducherry has been appointed as the Officer on Special Duty under the guidance of National Sample Survey Organization, the statistical authority for the work in connection with the Annual Survey of Industries. Under this arrangement, copies of the return submitted by the factories to the FOD, National Sample Survey Organisation, Puducherry is furnished to the Directorate of Economics and Statistics for the purpose of tabulation of the results at State level. The Annual Survey of Industries 2002-2003 is the thirty ninth one conducted in the Union Territory of Puducherry and the results as consolidated by the Central Statistical Organisation, Government of India are re-presented in this report.

Scope and Coverage

The coverage of the Survey extends to the entire factory sector. All the factories registered under sections 2m (i) and 2m (ii) of the Factories Act, 1948, which refer to the establishment using power and employing 10 or more workers and those not using power and employing 20 or more workers are covered in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

ASI Frame

The list of factories classified according to the list of industries furnished by the Chief Inspector of Factories constitute the frame for the survey. The Regional Office of the NSSO (FOD) updates the frame every year by addition of new units and the frame revised once in three years by deleting deregistered units/Establishments. The criteria for the classification of factory was the value of its principal products. In case if a factory was engaged in more than one industry, it was classified under the industry to which its principal products by value belonged.

Unit of Enumeration

The factory in the case of manufacturing industry, a workshop in the case of repair services, an undertaking or a licensee in the case of electricity, gas and water supply and an establishment in the case of beedi and cigarette industry are the primary units of enumeration in the survey.

Form of Returns

The returns are submitted in the form prescribed for the purpose of Annual Survey of Industries under the "Collection of Statistics (Central) Rules 1959". As the data relating to a single factory cannot be published in view of the restrictive clause in the Act, safeguarding the interest of the owners, the industries in such case had been combined and data published for a group of factories.

Under Annual Survey of Industries 2002-2003, some of the important features of the industrial activity of the Union Territory of Puducherry like capital structure and capital formation, employment and emoluments, input, output, value of product and by-products and net value added etc. have been summarised in Table – I & 2. In subsequent tables, the results of Annual Survey of Industries 2000-2003 have been presented for the factory sector for each industry group. The data and other particulars have been collected from the ASI Publication brought out by the Central Statistical Organisation.