

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY Directorate of Economics and Statistics

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PREFACE

It gives me immense pleasure in bringing out the Annual Report 2008-09 of the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Puducherry. As Nodal department for the official statistics, it has been the endeavor of the DES to make available reliable and up-to-date statistics on the socio-economic sectors needed for developmental planning and policy formulation in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

The present publication 'Annual Report' 2008-09 is the 11th issue in the series and it contains information on the Programmes, activities and achievements of the DES during 2008-09. The report also highlights new Studies and Projects initiated by DES. They are "Compilation of Satellite Accounts of Non Profit Institutions" (NPI), Collection and Compilation of Disaster Statistics, Participation in the CSO Project "India Statistical Strengthening Project" (ISSP), implementation of the Scheme "USHA" under Housing and Building Statistics and the Celebration of Statistics Day on 29th June in the Union Territory for the first time.

DES has also organized a brain storming workshop on State Income and related Aggregates in association with CSO, New Delhi during the above period. The Paper on the Agenda Items presented by DES was selected and circulated among the participants of Conference of Central and State Statistical Organisations (COCSSO).

I wish to express my thanks to the Officers/Staff of DES in extending their active and willing support for carrying out the activities of the DES and the notable achievements made in various fields.

I also place on record my appreciation of the work done by Dr. R.Ramakrishnan, Joint Director, K.Revady, Deputy Director, M.Ramachandiran Deputy Director and staff of Publication/Computer section in presenting this publication.

Suggestions for improvement in the content and quality of the Publication will be highly appreciated.

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