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PREFACE

Gender related issues have assumed significant importance in recent years. Government of India has been implementing a package of programmes for the development and welfare of women. Social and economic indicators for developing countries consistently show that women bear the brunt of hardship in poor communities. Hence disaggregated data become essential tool for the Government to rectify the gender inequalities, determine the issues that has to be addressed, take steps to redress the inequalities and re-prioritise the allocation of resources.

The publication “Women and Men in Puducherry – 2010-11” brought out by Directorate of Economics and Statistics is the second in series. The publication provides up-to-date statistics on Women and Men in Puducherry on important areas such as population, health, education, employment, Crime against women, and participation of women in decision making. The information in the publication has been arranged in chapters for easy reference of users. Charts have also been incorporated to enrich the publication and to make it user friendly.

I express my gratitude to various Government Departments/Other Agencies for providing the statistical information in the preparation for the publication. I hope this publication will be useful to all the data users including Planners, Policy Makers, Research Workers and Academicians.

Suggestions for improving the coverage and presentation of the publication are welcome.

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