

FOREWORD

The first edition of the Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2015-16 was released in June 2016 with a view to providing State-wise statistics on a wide range of features of the regional economy of India *viz.*, social and demographic characteristics, state domestic product, agriculture, industry, infrastructure, banking and fiscal developments. This Second edition has updates of the existing data series and improvement in coverage of infrastructure.

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