

PREFACE

The Sixth Economic Census 2013 was conducted with a view to cover all entrepreneurial activities in rural and urban areas throughout the country. The main object was to prepare a frame of all “establishments” (excluding Crop production, Plantation, Public Administration, Defense and compulsory Social security) engaged in various economic activities which serves as a basic input for conducting detailed surveys pertaining to any specific activity of the economy. This report highlights the data regarding number of Establishments and persons usually working in respect of various sectors of the economy.

The Sixth Economic Census has several features including use of Enumeration Blocks (EBs) of Population Census 2011, both in rural and urban areas, so that results of Sixth Economic Census can be synchronized with those of Census 2011 and accordingly its utility is enhanced. Further, Handicraft/Handloom establishments were identified separately for the first time and number of persons working therein was also collected. To seek cooperation and ensuring complete, correct and timely responses from respondents, the Collection of Statistics Act 2008, was invoked during Sixth Economic Census.

Economic Census 2013 in A & N Islands was a joint endeavor of the Central Statistical organization and the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Andaman and Nicobar Administration. A steering committee constituted at the level of Chief Secretary, A & N Administration monitored the programme at state level, and District level committees constituted at the level of Deputy Commissioner monitored and coordinated the works in the Districts.

The Sixth EC was conducted during October, 2013 to January, 2014 by 99 Statistical personnel posted in various departments in the A & N Administration under the overall guidance provided by Economic Census Unit of the Economic Statistics Division, Central Statistics Office (CSO), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MOSPI), Government of India, New Delhi. One Deputy Director was exclusively posted in the Directorate of Economics and Statistics for coordinating the operation of the Directorate level.

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I hope that the Statistics presented in this book will help the Planners, Policymakers, Research Scholars and other data users in meeting their requirements.

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