

PREFACE

For the first time the Directorate of Economics & Statistics made an effort to bring out “Economic Survey of A & N Islands – 2007-08” evaluating and analyzing all the development and non-development activities undertaken by different departments/organizations towards enhancement of socio-economic life of the people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The report consists of 2 parts – Part-I giving a descriptive analysis and Part-II presenting the quantitative analysis.

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I sincerely hope that this report will prove to be useful to the data users in general and to the planners, policy makers, social workers and research workers in particular and will help in enhancing their understanding on the socio-economic scenario of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Any error or omission and suggestions for further improvement both in coverage as well as presentation may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

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