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FOREWORD

Minor Irrigation Schemes have played a key role in the past in ushering the green revolution in the country. It would continue to play a prominent role in the future also. Accurate and authentic database is essential for planning and implementation of projects. The first attempt to build up database for Minor Irrigation Sector was made in 1986-87, when the first census of Minor Irrigation Projects was conducted throughout the country except Rajasthan. The present publication "Census of Minor Irrigation Schemes 1993-94" is an attempt to update that database. The report is primarily structured around the census carried out by 21 States and 4 Union Territories (UTs) except the States of Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and UTs of Chandigarh, Daman and Diu and Lakshdweep under the centrally sponsored scheme "Rationalisation of Minor Irrigation Statistics (RMIS)". Under this scheme, cent percent central assistance was given to the States/UTs for conducting the Minor Irrigation Census. Besides the census profile, the compilation carries district-wise analysis done by the Minor Irrigation Division of the Ministry of Water Resources.

The officers of the State and Union Territories as also of the Central Government are to be congratulated for the tremendous amount of work done and contributions made to make the project a success. The National Informatics Centre unit attached to the Ministry of Water Resources had helped in the computerisation of census data. Their contribution is thankfully acknowledged. This publication would prove useful not only to the professionals, planners and researchers in irrigation and agriculture sectors but also to all others who are directly or indirectly connected with the development of irrigation in India.


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