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**Message**

I am pleased to learn that the annual publication of the National Crime Records Bureau, 'Crime in India 2013', is being released in June 2014, as scheduled. It is an important achievement for us and I take this opportunity to congratulate the Director General NCRB and his team of officers for this achievement. 'Crime in India' publication is an important report which provides useful and comprehensive statistics on crime in the country.

NCRB has taken a lot of initiatives to revise the proformae of 'Crime in India' and I hope that the data for the next year will be collected in the revised format.

The rising trend of crimes is a worrying factor for everyone. Crimes against women, children and the weaker sections of the society, are of great concern for all of us. Crime leaves deep scars in the society; therefore, we need to study the causes, patterns and nature of crimes, to find out the reasons and remedies. Such a study will help us to evolve measures and policy interventions to contain them.

'Crime in India' publication is a vital tool in the hands of researchers, criminologists and officials of criminal justice system in the country, as it provides ample statistical data to conduct and evaluate the ground reality and the trends, with geo-political ramifications.

I convey my gratitude to all the State and UT police departments for supplying the crime data to NCRB within the time schedule. I urge the Law Enforcement Agencies of the State Governments / UT Administrations to send validated and consistent data pertaining to the year 2014 as well in the revised proformae to NCRB by the end of February, 2015, so that the next edition of the report may be published by April, 2015.

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