FOREWORD

The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) in the Ministry of Home Affairs, collects, collates, analyses statistics on casualties due to accidents and suicides reported to the police in the country and brings out 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India' report annually.

As the natural calamities and cumulative interaction of health, social, economic, cultural and environmental factors are mainly responsible for unexpected deaths and suicides, I hope, this publication would meet the requirements of Law Enforcement Agencies, Social Scientists, Researchers, Media and others engaged in policy formulation relating to prevention of casualties due to accidents and suicides.

Collection of data under various heads is always a daunting task. However, with the active cooperation of the Chiefs of Police of all States/UTs/Mega cities who furnish these statistics it has been made possible to bring out this publication in its present form. I record my appreciation of the work done by officers and staff of Statistical Branch of this Bureau for preparing this report.

Suggestions to further improve this publication, through the feedback form attached at the end of the report, would be highly appreciated.

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