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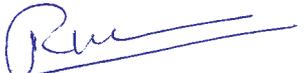
FOREWORD

Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI) has been regularly bringing out its annual publication "Health Information of India" till the year 2005. This publication has been further improvised while covering various gaps and CBHI came out with the first issue of "National Health Profile of India (NHP)-2005", which highlighted the relevant information under six major health indicators viz. Demography, Socio-Economic, Health Status, Health Finances, Health Infrastructure and Human Resources.

In this context, it is credible on the part of CBHI for making meticulous effort to collect and collate enormous data from the Directorates of Health & FW services of all the 35 States/UTs, number of Central Government as well as various other concerned agencies. With due compilation and analysis, CBHI has presented this National Health Profile (NHP) in an attractive & reader friendly format. This publication of high national importance covers all the major aspects of health, health care delivery & relevant matters. The sources as well as limitation of the data have also been appropriately indicated.

I would like to place on record my appreciation for all officers & staff of CBHI for timely bringing out this 2nd issue of annual publication "National Health Profile of India (NHP) -2006". This NHP, which has now replaced its earlier annual publication "Health Information of India", will serve as a national reference for policy makers, planners, administrator, researches, teachers and all others concerned with health sector development in India.

The valuable suggestions for further improvement of this publication will be highly appreciated and may kindly be shared with CBHI.


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