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PREFACE

An updated national health database is essential for proper planning, decision making, monitoring and evaluation of various health programmes and health sector developments. To achieve this objective, the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI) brings out adhoc publications and annually publishes "Health Information of India" based on the health data from Directorate of Health & FW of all the States/UTs and various central government & international agencies. There is great need of reliable and timely national health information by the policy makers, planners, administrator, researches and teachers. Keeping this in view, CBHI with WHO (India Country) support has compiled the "National Health Profile of India 2005" while fulfilling the gaps in its publication 'Health Information of India.' This "National Health Profile of India" will now be annually published by CBHI, replacing "Health Information of India".

We express our gratitudes to various source agencies viz. Directorate of Health & FW Services of all the 35 States/UTs, Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India, National Health Programmes, ICMR, Medical/Dental/Nursing Councils of India, Planning Commission, different Union Ministries like Statistics & Programme Implementation, Railways, Human Resource Development, Labour etc. and also International Agencies like WHO, UNICEF & IMF; for their continued support in providing the requisite data.

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