**PREFACE** 

The 69th NSS round was conducted during the period July 2012-December 2012 on

Drinking Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Housing Condition. The last survey on these

subjects was conducted in 65<sup>th</sup> round of NSS (July 2008-June 2009).

The objective of the survey was to examine and study different aspects of living

conditions necessary for decent and healthy living of the household members by

developing suitable indicators based upon collected information.

Using the information collected in the 65<sup>th</sup> and 69<sup>th</sup> rounds, a comparative analysis has

been made between the two surveys wherever possible so as to assess the changes taking

place in the State in the Housing conditions and amenities sector.

I place on record my sincere appreciation to the Officers and staff of the NSS section in

the Directorate who have rendered their commendable services in the preparation and

publication of this report.

I hope this report will be useful to planners, policy makers, academicians and

researchers. Comments and suggestions for further improvement are most welcome.

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