

PREFACE

The statistics of land utilization constitute one of the important items required for planning and development of policy formulation in agriculture. The Directorate of Economics and Statistics in the Ministry of Agriculture has been collecting data on the nine-fold classification of land, irrigated area (source-wise and crop-wise) and total area under crops from individual States and Union Territories in the country. The State-wise summary of the land use details for the years 1995-96 and 1996-97 was brought out in the form of a publication titled “Land Use Statistics At a Glance” for the first time in the year 2000. The present publication is the tenth in the series containing updated data for the period from 1997-98 to 2006-07.

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This publication is expected to serve as a useful source to all those concerned with agriculture policy and development in the country. Suggestions for further improvement would be welcomed.

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