

## PREFACE

Statistical information plays a vital role in the planned development of the region, besides being a useful instrument for research scholars, students, officials, journalists, academicians, etc., in their day-to-day working. The response to this publication from the Administrators, Research Workers and other users has been very encouraging. Efforts are, therefore, made continuously to improve and fill up the gaps in statistical information so as to make it more useful for the users. Keeping this aspect in view the Directorate of Economics & Statistics (Statistical Cell) has been publishing a booklet entitled "STATISTICAL ABSTRACT" and the present publication is 35<sup>th</sup> in the series.

2. This booklet contains statistical information on Diverse aspects and matters of vital importance pertaining to the development of Chandigarh. The information received from various departments has been scrutinised and compiled by the Directorate of Economics & Statistics (Statistical Cell), Chandigarh Administration. Efforts have been made to provide factual information fully and clearly in this book.

3. The Administration is grateful to all Heads of Departments/ Offices/Boards/ Corporations of the Union Territory of Chandigarh, for extending wholehearted co-operation in providing necessary information in time.

4. Suggestions for improving its scope in future are welcome.

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