

PREFACE

The present edition of “**ISLAND-WISE STATISTICAL OUTLINE-2008**” is the 12th in series being published by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics with data as on **31.12.2008** on socio-economic conditions of all the 38 Inhabited Islands of the territory.

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The Island-wise data will enable the users to keep into the Island-wise status in relation to the socio-economic development. It is hoped that the informations made available in this publication at the level of each Inhabited Islands will go a long way to help Planners/Head of Departments of the Administration to make realistic plans for the speedy development of the Islands on the one hand and on the other hand to remove the inequality and imbalance of socio-economic life of the Islanders.

Suggestions for further improvement of the publication are most welcome.

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