

PREFACE

It has been observed that selection of towns for allocation of funds under various urban development schemes is generally made on the basis of population. The policy makers have, therefore, felt the need for having a small handy document giving in one place, the population of each town, the state and the district in which the town is located as well as the size class (population range) in which it falls. It is to fulfill this need, the instant document has been brought out.

The document gives the final population of each of the 5161 towns of India as per the 2001 Census. Wherever a town has outgrowth, the population of the same has also been included in the population of the town. The data has been presented population–range wise, and the towns within a population range have been arranged in alphabetical order. The number of towns falling in each of the population range groups, as well as the total population in each group may also be seen in the document. A table showing statewise final urban and rural population as per the 2001 Census has also been included in the document. The definitions of city/town, urban agglomeration, outgrowth etc. as adopted in the Census of India, 2001 have also been given in the beginning of the document.

The credit for bringing out this handy document goes to Shri J. Nagarajan, Senior Social Scientist and Shri P.P. Tuteja, who rendered invaluable assistance in processing the Census data to present the required data in the format in which it is presented in the instant document.

It is hoped that this document will be found very useful for administrators, policy makers and others who are involved in urban planning and development.

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