

PREFACE

Economic development of a state depends on a number of factors of which the potentials of agriculture assume much importance. Though the recent developments look upon the IT and other service sectors as the major drivers influencing the pace to a great extent, the entire efforts ultimately percolate to concerns of food security and their extensions that cause the mission to be carried to logical conclusions. For this, there needs to be a proper balancing through natural incidence such as rainfall, adequate temperature, monsoon activity, sumptuous groundwater supplies that form the external side, and application of high end technologies in agricultural practices, improved seeds, best input and pest management techniques etc as internal deliveries.

*Series of policy interventions by successive Governments over a period of time have propelled the growth in the agriculture sector to a great extent with the result a considerable increase in the area under various agricultural crops, production and productivity have turned milestones putting the state ahead in the performance all along. **"The Season and Crop Report – Tamilnadu - 2006-07 (Fasli-1416)"** of the state unfolds the extent of performance in the agriculture sector, resources available for water management and the intensity with which the cropping and irrigation potentials were carried through during the year under reference.*

The Report contains three major sections enveloping mainly comprehensive information on monsoon behaviour, extent of activity, land use pattern, resources of irrigation, area under various agricultural crops, their production, yield rate and plethora of information allied to agricultural activity in the State.

While data on land use and cropped area were sourced out from the relevant revenue records as finalized at the end of the fasli in each district and aggregated at State level, the estimates of production were arrived at based on the results of the crop cutting experiments carried out with the joint efforts of the Departments of Economics and Statistics, Agriculture and Horticulture. Utmost care has been taken to compute the data and translate their equations into relative parameters wherever necessary keeping in mind their nature and utility.

I appreciate all district collectors, District Revenue Officers, Assistant Directors of Statistics, Regional Deputy Directors of Statistics, Divisional Statistical Officers, Tahsildhars, Block Statistical inspectors, Revenue Inspectors, village Administrative Officers for their collection and Compilation of their important reports.

Organization of materials in the Report and their chronological presentation have been done fairly well and I do hope that its utility gets enhanced enormously by actual data requirements from various angles cutting across lines. I also welcome suggestions for improving its contents and quality.

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