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MESSAGE

I am happy to know that the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Assam is bringing out the 2017 edition of Statistical Handbook Assam containing information on population, health, education, agriculture, irrigation, communication, state income and expenditures, natural resources etc for the state.

It is even heartening to know that the handbook is the 49 in the series published by the Directorate since its inception in 1948 and it is being published in 'e' format. The Directorate of Economics and Statistics is rendering an impressive job in collecting, compiling and publishing data pertaining to various socio economic aspects through census and sample surveys.

I appreciate the efforts put in by the Directorate to publish the e-handbook. I wish the handbook is well appreciated.

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