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The Government of Assam has realised the importance of good information mechanism in the State and decided to set up the Directorate of Economics & Statistics (DES), Assam in 1948 to work as a nodal agency to collect, collate and publish the Government data. In the process the Directorate is being engaged in collection, compilation, analysis and publication of data related to the socio-economic sectors of the State. Data collected are published in the form of publications, namely, Statistical Handbook Assam, Economic Survey Assam and Assam at a Glance annually. Directorate has also published various reports on employment- unemployment, backward classes, industry, etc. on the basis of its sample surveys.

Statistical Handbook Assam is one of the most popular publications of the Directorate. It covers the updated information on almost all the sectors of the State Economy. I am happy to learn that the 49th edition/ 2017 edition of the publication is ready.

I congratulate Shri Kamala Kanta Nath, Secretary, Transformation & Development Deptt. and Director (i/c), DES Assam and his team for their effort to bring out this publication with new look and content.

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