

PREFACE

With the release of Provisional Population Totals, Paper-1, the first publication of Census 2011, the dissemination of Census 2011 data in print form as a publication was made available to a wide spectrum of data users in the month of May 2011. However, as an initial step, the State & district level provisional data was made available to the data users and general public through a press conference called for by the Director, Census Operations, who is the Chief Principal Census Officer of the State of Kerala, on 1st of April 2011, immediately after the release of All India Provisional Figures of 2011 Census, by the Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India at New Delhi. Being the first publication, the main thrust given in Paper 1 was to make the data users acquaint with the modus operandi adopted in Census 2011 for both the phases with special reference to the new features of 2011 Census in terms of procedure for taking Census, modification or alteration made in Census schedules etc. In addition to the presentation of these general features, 2011 provisional Census data was analysed from the demographic point of view at the district level for significant population characteristics emerging out of it, such as rate of growth of population, sex ratio including child sex ratio, density of population and literacy. However, no analysis of data on the basis of rural-urban classification was made in that paper. Paper 2-Provisional Population Totals which is a sequel to Paper 1 is published in two volumes. Paper 2, Volume 1, Rural-Urban Distribution contains Residence based tables on population and decadal growth-rate, child population and decadal growth-rate, percentage of child population, sex-ratio, child sex-ratio, literates and literacy rate, literacy rate by gender and male female gap in literacy rates by residence, percentage decadal growth rate in rural and urban population from 1901-2011 etc. Paper 2, Volume 1 has already been published in the month of September, 2011.

2. The present publication, Paper 2- Volume 2, Provisional Population Totals-Rural-Urban Distribution of Population, is in a way different from Paper-I, to confine to the presentation of urban characteristics of population through analysis of data of urban units. The urban data have been analysed through its presentation in various tabular forms for individual towns, urban agglomerations and also for towns in terms of size-class. There are six chapters in this report containing statements explaining various characteristics of population by residence. In addition to this, maps, charts and diagrams have also been presented to have a better understanding of trends of various population parameters at a glance.

3. I appreciate, the enthusiasm shown and efforts put in by the staff of our Directorate, which resulted in this detailed publication in print form. Compilation of urban data to suit the various tables generated, drafting of general notes on each topic and analysis of Census data have been done expeditiously to bring out this publication immediately after hearing final word from the Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India. I once again thank the whole mass of personnel involved in this mammoth administrative exercise of Census and especially my colleagues in the Directorate who have put in their wholehearted efforts to make this publication a reality.

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