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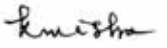


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## Message

The significance of database for agriculture and allied activities lies in the value addition it makes to research and policy formulation. For ensuring public access to data generated through the untiring effort of various state and central agencies, an appropriate dissemination mechanism is of utmost importance. It is in this context that I felt it necessary to ensure wider circulation of the *Agricultural Statistics at a Glance* by getting it published as a priced document, through a reputed publisher.

I congratulate the team headed by Shri R.C. Ray, Economic and Statistical Adviser, for bringing out *Agricultural Statistics at a Glance 2008* as a priced publication in a record time. I am sure, this would be of enormous value to those engaged in academic research, policy formulation and implementation.

  
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