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## **PREFACE**

A life table states the probabilities of survival of a hypothetical group or cohort at different ages, which gradually diminish due to deaths. It is a conventional method of expressing the most fundamental and essential facts about the age distribution of mortality and is a powerful tool for measuring the probability of life and death of various age groups. It enables us to understand the implication of age-specific mortality rate in terms of average life expectancy. In India, it has been the practice to construct life tables using age composition of the population from successive population censuses. With the introduction of the Sample Registration System (SRS), an alternative source of data has become available for construction of life tables.

2. Based on SRS data, life tables have been prepared for the periods 1970-75, 1976-80, 1981-85 and 1986-90 at five yearly intervals. Since the 1986-90 issue, life tables have been brought out annually on a five yearly moving average basis so as to form a continuous series. The present report contains the abridged life tables for the period 2012-16 by sex and residence for India and bigger States. It is presented up to the age group 85+ in order to appropriately reflect the mortality pattern and also to facilitate comparison with life tables being prepared by other countries and the UN.

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