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## FOREWORD

Statistics has become an important operation of our day-to-day life and plays a vital role information of developmental plans, programmes and schemes; and in thier execution, monitoring and evaluation.

We have recently established the Directorate of Planning & Statistics, on the auspicious day of birthday of Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis, on 29.06.2007. The Directorate has started functioning as an important organ of the Administration. Being the nodal agency, the Directorate has brought out this present issue of “**Basic Statistics-2007**” containing various important data and figures on socio-economic aspects and indicators of the Union Territory of the Lakshadweep, covering over the last ten years.

I am happy that the Directorate of Planning & Statistics has brought out this useful publication systematically with the co-operation of various line departments and agencies. I congratulate the Director (Planning & Statistics), Shri B. Abdul Shukoor, Statistical Assistant, Shri P.P. Pookoya, Junior Investigator, Shri K. Musthafa and others in the Directorate for their concerted efforts and achievements.

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Kavaratti,  
11-12-2007.

## PREFACE

The Directorate of Planning & Statistics has been bringing out the Publication 'Basic Statistics' continuously covering the Socio-Economic data of various departments and organisations of this Union Territory, which will be useful as a handy source of reference to the data users. The Publication of present series within the targeted time is made possible through the timely and valuable contributions of the concerned departments and organisations. The present issue is the 13<sup>th</sup> in the series. Efforts have been made to incorporate up-to-date information for the last 10 years maintaining the continuity of the series of data published in the previous issue.

We are very much grateful to all departments and organisations for their co-operation in supplying the statistical data well in time for inclusion in this publication, which enabled us to release this publication.

Any comments / suggestions for further improvement in the content and quality of the publication would be highly appreciated.

Kavaratti,  
10-12-2007.

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