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FOREWORD

I am privileged to publish 63rd edition of '**Crime in India**' for the year 2015, an annual publication of National Crime Records Bureau since the year 1953.

The trends of crimes keep changing with the growing population and rapid development of towns and cities. Rise in crimes in any place especially crimes against women, children and weaker sections of the society is a worrying factor for everyone. Crime in India publication is a vital tool in the hands of such police officers, researchers, criminologists and officers of criminal justice system in the country as it provides ample statistical data to analyze and helps in informed decision making to curb crime. This report has been one of the prime documents on crime statistics in our country. Over the last few decades, this report has become quite popular and its release is eagerly awaited by all. The report makes us understand and analyse the emerging crime trends both nationally and locally better.

The report is published in two parts. Part – 1 *i.e.* Crime in India (Compendium) pertains to analytical description of crimes, criminals and properties while Part – 2 *i.e.* Crime in India (Statistics) contains tabular statistics on crimes, criminals & property. The report is published with more than 600 pages containing graphs, maps, time series tables etc. The magnitude of the exercise undertaken for this edition can be gauged from the fact that the data have been collected in 34 revised proformae from SCRBx/CID of all 36 States/UTs and 53 Mega Cities (City having population of 10 lakhs or more). The proformae for collecting data were revised in 2014 only, and lot of efforts had gone in to
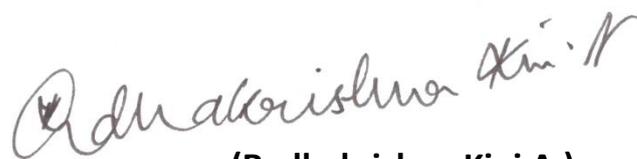
synchronize the procedure of collecting quality data and analyzing the trend & patterns of crimes. To make sure that quality of data is not compromised, many training sessions were given to States' and UTs' officials by the Bureau.

Data collection, compilation, analysis, brief comments and publication of the report is an arduous task and requires untiring efforts. So, I take this opportunity to record my appreciation of the excellent work done by all the team members of the Statistical Branch of the Bureau and specially the contributions of Software Development Team, the software is completely build by in-house team of the Bureau and has helped a lot in data collection and validating the same. This software not just helps NCRB but also the States and UTs to compile their data and publish similar reports for their respective States and UTs.

I convey my gratitude to all the States and UT Police Departments for supplying the crime data to NCRB within the time schedule. Without their active support and cooperation it would not have been possible for us to bring out the report within the timeframe. I urge the Heads of Law Enforcement Agencies to supply the crime data pertaining to the year 2016 by February 2017 itself.

It is our constant endeavors to make data available in the public domain so that maximum use of the data could be made. In this regard, Bureau has uploaded all previous editions of the report including the current publication '**Crime in India 2015**' on our website http://ncrb.gov.in. Besides, the Bureau is also in process of digitizing all previous editions of reports in open source format. I am happy to apprise that more than 1400 datasets including statistical tables of '**Crime in India**' report during 2014 – 1986 have already been uploaded on Open Government Data(OGD) Platform India website http://data.gov.in.

We look forward for your suggestion and feedback for improvement in content and quality of this publication. A feedback form is attached at the end of the report for your valuable suggestions.

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