

## **P R E F A C E**

*The Compendium of International Textile Statistics - 2009, is the sixth in the series of Compendium of International Textile Statistics. This current issue covers international textiles data upto year ended 2008. The statistics in this publication have been compiled by collecting data from various reputed international organizations / publications, viz. WTO, ITMF, ICAC etc. and Textile Outlook International, Indian Jute, Fiber Organon, Japan Chemical Fibre Association, United nation Statistics, etc.*

*With the coming up of WTO regime and globalisation of economy and trade, the international data on textiles and clothing such as area, production, import and export of different textile items, cost of fabrics & yarns and technical textile has assumed considerable importance and this publication is an attempt in that direction to provide at one place the international data on critical aspects of the industry and trade. I hope that like the previous issues this publication will be found useful by entrepreneurs, exporters, managers, planners and analysts and also by the govt., researchers, students and academic-institutions for comparative studies.*

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*Suggestions for improvement of the publication are welcome.*

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