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MESSAGE

Modern time is the age of information and use of ICT for dissemination of information is the most effective tool now-a-days. I am glad to know that Planning Department is launching website www.esopb.gov.in of the Economic and Statistical Organization, Punjab. The Organization is the Nodal Agency for all statistical activities in the State which fulfills the basic data requirements for decentralized planning, development programmes and research on socio-economic issues. I hope this website will make the official statistics more transparent and easily accessible to all its users. The statistical department thus will usher in a new era of strong coordination and interaction between producers and users of data. It will further lead to better monitoring and evaluation of various plans, schemes and programmes of the State Government.

I appreciate the initiative and wish them all the success.

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