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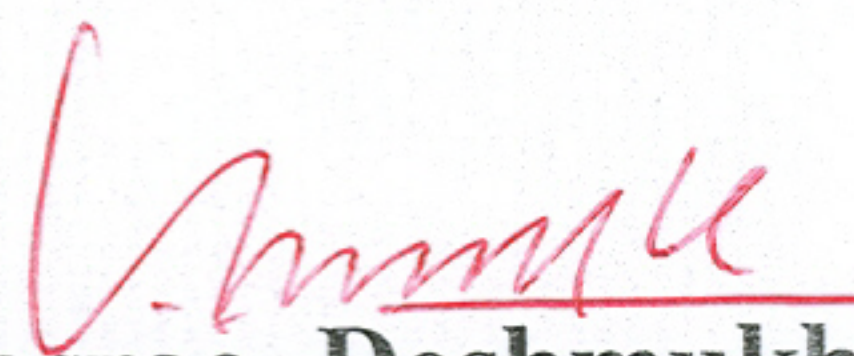
Maharashtra enjoys a historical reputation of being among progressive and well-administered States in the country. The State Government is aware that although progress has been achieved in various sectors since the inception of Maharashtra, much remains to be done in many fields. The Government is, therefore, undertaking strenuous efforts to provide basic minimum services to the people in Maharashtra.

I compliment the Planning Commission for collaborating with the State Government in preparation of Maharashtra Development Report(MDR), which provides an in - depth analysis of the present status of the State in various developmental sectors. Preparation of Maharashtra Development Report(MDR), thus, becomes a very relevant exercise for reviewing the document effort of the State. The report reflects the potential of the State in the medium term as compared to other regions in India and the world. The objective of MDR is not merely to state policies and achievements of the Government, but it is document that points out various lacuna that exist and the road map for the substantiable development of the State.

The report covers economic growth and its components including agriculture, industry and services over the last few decades. Its highlights the performance of the State in terms of growth in employment, availability of infrastructure poverty in the State, fiscal situation, various investments scheme and social indicators.

I am sure, that this authoritative and comprehensive document, so meticulously prepared, providing a realistic assessment of the current status of development of Maharashtra, will serve as a guide for future planning both within and outside Govt. in order to achieve the socio-economic progress of our people and improve the status of Maharashtra State.

I appreciate this endeavor whole heartedly.


(Vilasrao Deshmukh)