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Augmentation of authentic data base on physical, biological and socio-economic aspects of the Himalayan mountains has always been challenging and fascinating to academicians, researchers, planners and policy makers, implementing agencies, particularly when this region is viewed internationally as data deficient. "ENVIS Centre on Himalayan Ecology" has been given a task by the MoEF&CC, Govt. of India to compile such a data base for the Indian Himalayan states. Therefore, a modest beginning has been made via the present publication series highlighting the state of Himachal Pradesh by collecting, collating and compiling secondary data base available with various sources. ENVIS Centre on Himalayan Ecology will bring out such publications on other states of Indian Himalayan region in coming years. We hope that readers will find this compilation a useful reference for baseline information. Suggestions to improve this publication series are always welcome.

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