

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1748**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2023

STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS (SCOS)

1748. DR. KALPANA SAINI:

SHRI BRIJ LAL:

SHRI KAILASH SONI:

SHRI NARESH BANSAL:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to review the contours and results of all surveys conducted under the aegis of the National Statistical Office (NSO) through the newly constituted Standing Committee on Economic Statistics (SCES); and

(b) if so, the details and purpose thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS [RAO INDERJIT SINGH]

(a) & (b): The Standing Committee on Statistics (SCoS) has been constituted on 13.07.2023, renaming earlier constituted Standing Committee on Economic Statistics (SCES) and enhancing its Terms of Reference (ToR) with the view to ensuring more coverage. The Terms of Reference of the SCoS are given in the statement at Annexure.

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**Statement referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1748 for 18.12.2023**

**The ToR of the Standing Committee on Statistics (SCoS):** Standing Committee shall deliberate and deliver various issues related to all surveys as and when required by MoSPI. Its Terms of Reference shall include:

- i. To review the extant framework and to address the issues raised from time to time on the subject/ results/ methodology, etc. related to all surveys as brought before the SCoS by MoSPI.
- ii. To advise on survey methodology including sampling frame, sampling design, survey instruments, etc. and to finalize tabulation plan of surveys.
- iii. Finalization of survey results.
- iv. To provide guidance to conduct pilot surveys/pre-testing, if necessary, before finalizing schedules for data collection.
- v. To provide guidance for study and exploring the availability of administrative statistics relating to surveys/ statistics.
- vi. To provide guidance for study/identify data gaps/additional data requirements, if any, in respect of surveys/statistics and suggest appropriate strategy for improvement.
- vii. To provide technical guidance to the Central and State (wherever State participation is there) level agencies for the conduct of the surveys.
- viii. Any other matter relating to the surveys/survey results referred to SCoS by MoSPI from time to time.