

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 946
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2023

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC STATISTICS

946. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to scrutinize the new framework through the recently established Standing Committee on Economic Statistics (SCES) to review the structure and outcome of all surveys conducted under the National Statistical Office (NSO); and

(b) if so, the details and objectives 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 details of SCoS including composition and terms of reference are given in the Statement at Annexure.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 946 for 11.12.2023

The details including composition and terms of reference are as under:

1. The Composition of the Committee:

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| 1 | Dr. Pronab Sen, former Program Director, India Team Researcher, International Growth Centre, New Delhi Email: pronab.sen@theigc.org | Chairman (Non-official) |
| 2 | Prof. Sonal De Desai, Professor, National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), New Delhi. Email:-sonalde.desai@gmail.com, sdesai@umd.edu | Non-Official Member |
| 3 | Dr. Biswanath Goldar, former Professor, Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), New Delhi Email: b_goldar77@yahoo.com | Non-Official Member |
| 4 | Dr. S K Sasi Kumar, former Senior Fellow, VV Giri National Labour Institute (VVGNI), NOIDA, UP Email: sasikumarsk2@gmail.com | Non-Official Member |
| 5 | Prof. S. Chandrasekhar, Professor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai Email: chandra@igidr.ac.in | Official Member |
| 6 | Director General (NSS), NSSO, MoSPI, New Delhi | Official Member |
| 7 | Director General (Statistics), MoSPI, New Delhi | Official Member |
| 8 | ADG, SCD, NSSO, MoSPI, Delhi | Official Member |
| 9 | Executive Director (ED) or his representative, Modelling and Forecasting Division, Department of Statistics & Information Management (DSIM), Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai | Official Member |
| 10 | Dr. Tauqueer Ahmad, Head of Division, Division of Sample Surveys, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI), New Delhi Email: tauqueer.ahmad@icar.gov.in | Official Member |
| 11 | Dr. Sandip Mitra, Associate Professor, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) Kolkata Email:sandip@isical.ac.in | Official Member |
| 12 | Prof. Mausumi Bose, Professor, Applied Statistics Unit, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata, Email: mausumi@isical.ac.in | Official Member* |
| 13 | Representative from three State DES (including one from NE) on rotational basis where State participation is there. | Official Member |
| 14 | ADG (SDRD), NSSO, MoSPI, Kolkata | Member Secretary |

*Note: *Prof Mausumi Bose, ISI, Kolkata, the official member will be considered as non-official members after her superannuation/retirement.*

2. 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.

Note: The SCoS may constitute different Sub-Committee(s) under the chairpersonship of the subject expert/member from among the composition of SCoS. The sub-committee(s) may comprise the members of SCoS and other subject experts within and/ or outside the Government, in consultation with the Chairperson of the SCoS and sub-committee and concerned line Ministries, with the approval of the Competent Authority. Also, the standing Committee may invite subject experts in the meeting as special invitee, if necessary, in order to meet specific requirement.