

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 304
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2024

CONSUMER EXPENDITURE SURVEY

304. SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR:

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

- (a) the reasons for which Government has not published a single Consumer Expenditure Survey Report in the last five years;
- (b) by when it proposes to release the results of the 2022-23 survey, the field work of which is reportedly long over; and
- (c) whether Government plans to tag the 2022-2023 survey results with the 2023-24 survey results and if so, the reasons therefor?

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): This Ministry has carried out an All India survey on Household Consumer Expenditure during NSS 75th round (July 2017- June 2018). The Ministry has followed a rigorous procedure for vetting of data and reports which are produced through surveys. The results of this survey were examined and it was observed that there was a significant variation in the levels in the consumption pattern as well as in the direction of the change while comparing with other administrative data sources. The matter was also referred to a Committee of Experts which has recommended refining the survey methodology and improving the data quality aspects on a concurrent basis and it was decided that the results of Consumer Expenditure Survey (CES) 2017-18 would not be released.

(b) and (c): Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) is conducting back to back surveys (HCES 2022-24), each of one-year duration, on Household Consumption Expenditure. Field work for the first year of the HCES 2022-24 has been completed and post survey activities for preparation of survey results have been commenced. Further, field work for the second year of HCES 2022-24 has been initiated from August 2023.
