GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 157 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025

OUTCOMES OF THE CONFERENCE ON STRENGTHENING OF STATISTICAL SYSTEMS

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

- (a) the key objectives and outcomes of the Conference of State Government Ministers on Strengthening of Statistical Systems;
- (b) manner in which the Ministry plans to address the need for more granular, sub-state level estimates as emphasized in the conference;
- (c) whether any recent initiatives were introduced and highlighted in the conference; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE 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 CULTURE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH).

- (a) The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) organized a Conference of State Government Ministers on the theme 'Strengthening of Statistical Systems' on 5th April, 2025 at New Delhi. The key objectives of the conference were to highlight importance of producing relevant, accurate and timely statistics at both national and sub-national levels for various socio-economic indicators; to emphasize key areas of collaboration/partnership for strengthening national and state statistical systems; as well as to deliberate on expectations and requirements of States/UTs to improve their statistical systems.
- (b) During the conference, representatives of various States/ UTs were apprised that MoSPI regularly organizes training, workshops and conferences with State Governments and UT Administrations for generation of key statistical products at sub-state (granular) level. These workshops/ trainings are organized with the primary objective of sensitizing and strengthening States/ UTs to ensure consistent and quality data collection and compilation of various indicators aligned with standards followed by MoSPI. Additionally, MoSPI assists States/ UTs by serving as members of committees constituted by the States/ UTs for preparation of various indicators.

Provision for generating district-level estimates has also recently been incorporated in most of the major NSS surveys by adopting 'district' as the basic stratum in survey sampling design. Further, the provision of State participation has been introduced in NSS Surveys to generate annual district level estimates of major indicators by the States. These district level estimates are envisaged to facilitate targeted policy formulation at the sub-State level.

(c) & (d) Yes Sir.

The Hon'ble Minister, MoSPI released MoSPI's annual publication namely "Women and Men in India 2024: Selected Indicators and Data" and also launched the website of National Statistical Systems Training Academy (NSSTA), which is the training academy of MoSPI. The revamped Micro-data Portal of MoSPI, which currently hosts data of more than 175 socioeconomic surveys, was also launched to improve dissemination of micro-level/ unit-level data. In addition, semantic search on National Industrial Classification Code, developed during the recently concluded Hackathon in IIT Gandhinagar in March, 2025 was also showcased during the Conference.
