

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1755
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025

TIMELY RELEASE OF STATISTICAL DATA

1755. SHRI SANDEEP KUMAR PATHAK:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that economists have expressed concern over the delay in release of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Consumer Price Index (CPI) data by the Ministry and suggested adoption of advanced techniques for real-time dissemination, if so, the details of the steps taken;
- (b) whether Government has received any proposals to reduce discrepancies between expenditure-based and income-based GDP estimates, if so, the details of the proposal; and
- (c) whether it is being decided to make mandatory release of Gross Domestic Product & Consumer Price Index data within thirty days of the end of each quarter, if not, 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 CULTURE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a): The Ministry releases data on macroeconomic aggregates including Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Consumer Price Index (CPI) as per Advance Release Calendar (ARC), published on the Ministry's website.
- (b): No Sir. The Government has not received any proposals to reduce discrepancies between expenditure-based and income-based GDP estimates.
- (c): Consumer Price Index (CPI) for a given month is published on the 12th of the following month. If 12th falls on a holiday, it is released on the next working day. As per ARC, the Ministry is releasing the quarterly estimates of the GDP with the lag of 2 months from end of the reference quarter. There is no proposal to release the quarterly estimates of GDP within thirty days.
