

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UPCOMING HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS AND RELIANCE ON DIGITAL QUESTIONNAIRE

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

- (a) the manner in which Government is ensuring unbiased coverage in upcoming household surveys amid increased reliance on digital questionnaires and potential digital exclusion;
- (b) the steps being taken to speed up processing and public release of Consumption Expenditure Survey data for updated poverty and consumption estimates;
- (c) whether the Ministry collaborated with the Ministry of Education to track NEP 2020's impact on enrollment, dropout rates and learning outcomes in rural and tribal areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the Government's plan to integrate GIS mapping and satellite data to improve survey sampling accuracy and estimate population density in urbanising areas?

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): In order to ensure unbiased coverage in household surveys being conducted by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), the sample is selected using probability-based scientific selection methods. The sample spreads across all the States / Union Territories covering both rural and urban area and this ensures uniformity and completeness of the coverage.

(b): MoSPI had conducted two consecutive Household Consumption Expenditure Surveys (HCES) in 2022-23 (during August 2022-July 2023) and 2023-24 (during August 2023-July 2024). The detailed findings of these surveys have been released in July 2024 and January 2025 respectively.

(c) to (d): MoSPI conducted a Comprehensive Modular Survey (CMS) on Education during April – June, 2025 upon the request of Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education. The primary objective of the survey is to generate estimates of household expenditures on school education. The survey also aims to generate estimates of household expenditure on private coaching or tuition for students who are currently enrolled in school

education. The survey report has been released in August 2025.

(e): Various facets of integration of new technologies and upgradation of existing technologies are studied in MoSPI to assess their relevance and applicability in the surveys. Further, MoSPI conducts Urban Frame Survey (UFS) in five-year phases to prepare and maintain a frame of compact urban geographical units, which serve as sampling frame in urban sector, mainly for large scale Socio-Economic Surveys. From Phase 2017-22, UFS is being conducted in digital mode using Geo ICT tools with improved and robust versions of Mobile, Desktop and Web Based GIS solutions built on Bhuvan Platform, developed in collaboration with National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC).
