

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 157
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2026

MODERNISATION OF STATISTICAL SYSTEM

157. SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to modernise the national statistical system for improving the quality, coverage and timeliness of official statistics;
- (b) details of major national surveys and statistical reports due for release during the last three years, indicating their scheduled and actual dates of publication;
- (c) whether any surveys or reports have been delayed, if so, the reasons thereof;
- (d) initiatives taken to strengthen digital data collection, data quality assurance and coordination with States/UTs; and
- (e) measures taken to enhance public access, transparency and reliability of official statistics?

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) to (e) A statement is laid down on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 157 FOR 03.08.2026 REGARDING MODERNISATION OF
STATISTICAL SYSTEM ASKED BY SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P.**

(a) to (e): Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has taken several measures to modernize the national statistical system through greater use of digital technologies. Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) integrated with e-SIGMA platform has been adopted for data collection in surveys using handheld devices with in-built validation checks. Survey operations are inter-alia supported through centralized servers, GPS tagging of surveyed households and secure electronic transmission of data. Various stages of the survey process, including sample selection, field monitoring, survey administration, validation and data processing, have also been automated. These measures have improved data quality by enabling validation at the point of data collection, reduced the time required for data processing and facilitated faster dissemination of survey results.

Furthermore, administrative datasets have been integrated with sample surveys, thereby strengthening sampling frames, improved survey efficiency and contributed to the timely compilation of official statistics.

In addition, on the basis of UN National Quality Assurance Framework (NQAF), 2019, MoSPI has developed a Statistical Quality Assessment Framework (SQAF) by laying down parameters and corresponding good practices for statistical processes and products, thereby bringing in improvement in the National Statistical System. MoSPI has adopted the National Metadata Structure (NMDS 2.0) with an objective that data and information are uniformly represented, provide clarity on the data sources, collection methods and enhance discoverability of data sets.

MoSPI extends financial support to States/UTs for strengthening their statistical capacity under Support for Statistical Strengthening (SSS) Scheme including the components such as adoption of innovative statistical techniques and methodologies; capacity building and training of statistical personnel; improving timeliness, quality, etc. Under the SSS sub-scheme, the States/UTs governments are provided support for procurement of IT infrastructure such as tablets for data collection through eSigma enabled CAPI tool, to ensure data quality and standards. Coordination with States/UTs have also been ensured through regular interactions during Conference of Central and State Statistical Organisations (CoCSSO) and Data user conferences.

MoSPI has also taken several steps to enhance public access and dissemination of official statistics. An Advance Release Calendar (ARC) is available on MoSPI website indicating the schedule for release of major statistical publications, thereby promoting transparency and predictability in dissemination. MoSPI has implemented the revised Guidelines for Statistical Data Dissemination (GSDD), 2026 providing a framework for dissemination of statistical data produced by MoSPI while ensuring data privacy and confidentiality. The eSankhyiki Portal serves as a single platform for dissemination of official statistics supported by APIs, data visualisations and metadata. The Microdata Portal has been revamped to provide access to anonymised unit-level data of socio-economic surveys. The Ministry has also modernised its website with AI-enabled features and interactive dashboards and launched the GoIStat Mobile App to facilitate easier access to official statistics. In addition, reports, bulletins and factsheets

are disseminated through the Ministry's website. Official statistics are further disseminated through multiple communication platforms such as newspapers, television, radio, digital and social media, podcasts on Sansad TV, exhibitions, collaboration with MyGov, explanatory videos, infographics and other multimedia content to maximize outreach and strengthen public engagement.

Besides, MoSPI regularly examines suggestions/feedback received from stakeholders including Ministries/Departments, academia, data users, etc. and incorporates them, wherever found appropriate, to enhance efficiency, reliability, and accountability of statistical data systems.

The reports of major national surveys, macroeconomic indices, and national accounts (GDP) due for release by the Ministry during the last three years (2023-24 to 2025-26), along with their scheduled and actual publication dates, are placed at ANNEXURE-I.

ANNEXURE - I

TENTATIVE RELEASE TIMELINE AND ACTUAL DATES OF PUBLICATION OF MAJOR SURVEYS AND STATISTICAL REPORTS

Sl. No.	Name of Survey / Statistical Report	Reference Period	Tentative Release Timeline	Actual Date of Publication / Status
1.	Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES)	Aug 2022 – Jul 2023	February 2024 (Factsheet) 07/06/2024 (Detailed)	24/02/2024 (Factsheet) 07/06/2024 (Detailed Report)
2.		Aug 2023 – Jul 2024	31/12/2024 (Factsheet) 31/01/2025 (Detailed Report)	27/12/2024 (Factsheet) 31/01/2025 (Detailed Report)
3.	Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Annual Report	Jul 2023 – Jun 2024	30/09/2024	23/09/2024
4.		Jan 2025-Dec 2025	31/03/2026	27/03/2026
5.	Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE)	April 2021 - March 2022 and October 2022 to September 2023	14/06/2024 (Factsheet) 05/07/2024 (Detailed Reports)	14/06/2024 (Factsheet) 05/07/2024 (Detailed Reports)
6.		Oct 2023 – Sep 2024	31/12/2024 (Factsheet) 31/01/2025 (Detailed Report)	24/12/2024 (Factsheet) 29/01/2025 (Detailed Report)
7.		Jan 2025- Dec 2025	31/03/2026 (Factsheet) 06/05/2026 (Detailed Report)	24/03/2026 (Factsheet) 06/05/2026 (Detailed Report)
8.	Annual Survey of Industries (ASI)	FY 2022–23	30/09/2024	30/09/2024
9.		FY 2023-24	29/09/2025	27/08/2025
10.	Time Use Survey (TUS)	Jan 2024-Dec 2024	31/03/2025	28/03/2025

Sl. No.	Name of Survey / Statistical Report	Reference Period	Tentative Release Timeline	Actual Date of Publication / Status
11.	Consumer Price Index (CPI)	Monthly Releases	12 th of every month	Released as per schedule
12.	Index of Industrial Production (IIP)	Monthly Releases	28 th of every month	Released as per schedule
13.	Sustainable Development Goals - National Indicator Framework Progress Report, 2023 Data Snapshot on Sustainable Development Goals - National Indicator Framework Progress Report, 2023 Sustainable Development Goals - National Indicator Framework, 2023	2023	29/06/2023	29/06/2023
14.	Sustainable Development Goals - National Indicator Framework Progress Report, 2024 Data Snapshot on Sustainable Development Goals - National Indicator Framework Progress Report, 2024 Sustainable Development Goals - National Indicator Framework, 2024	2024	29/06/2024	29/06/2024
15.	Sustainable Development Goals - National Indicator Framework Progress Report, 2025 Data Snapshot on Sustainable Development Goals - National Indicator Framework Progress Report, 2025 Sustainable Development Goals - National Indicator Framework, 2025	2025	29/06/2025	29/06/2025
16.	First Advance Estimates (FAE) of Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	Annual Release	7 th January or previous working day if 7 th January is a holiday	Released as per schedule

Sl. No.	Name of Survey / Statistical Report	Reference Period	Tentative Release Timeline	Actual Date of Publication / Status
17.	Second Advance Estimates (SAE) of GDP	Annual Release	28 th February or last working day in February	Released as per schedule
18.	First Revised Estimates (FRE) of GDP	Annual Release	28 th February or previous working day if 28 th February is a holiday	Released as per schedule
19.	Second Revised Estimates (SRE) of GDP	Annual Release	28 th February or previous working day if 28 th February is a holiday	Released as per schedule
20.	Provisional Estimates (PE) of GDP	Annual Release	7 th June or previous working day if 7 th June is a holiday	Released as per schedule
21.	First Quarter Estimates Q1 (April-June) of GDP	Quarterly Release	31 st August or last working day in August	Released as per schedule
22.	Second Quarter Estimates Q2 (July –September) of GDP	Quarterly Release	30 th November or last working day in November	Released as per schedule
23.	Third Quarter Estimates Q3 (October-December) of GDP	Quarterly Release	28 th February or last working day in February (along with SAE, FRE and SRE)	Released as per schedule
24.	Fourth Quarter Estimates Q4 (January-March) of GDP	Quarterly Release	7 th June or previous working day if 7 th June is a holiday (along with PE)	Released as per schedule
