

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 858  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024**

**CONSUMER EXPENDITURE SURVEY**

**858. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government did not release the Consumer Expenditure Survey (CES) data of 2017-18;**
- (b) whether the last available CES data is for the year 2011-12;**
- (c) whether the lack of release of data is a dampner on the right to information and also questions the credibility of the data collecting agencies;**
- (d) whether the Government has collected the data for next CES;**
- (e) if so, the details of the completion of the data collection process, expected compilation of the results and expected data of release of data; and**
- (f) 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 CORPORATE AFFAIRS [RAO INDERJIT SINGH]**

**(a): The Consumer Expenditure Survey result of 2017-2018 has not been released.**

**(b): Yes Sir. The last available CES data published by MOS&PI is for the year 2011-12.**

**(c): This Ministry has carried out an All India survey on Household Consumer Expenditure during NSS 75<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**(d) to (f): 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. Further, field work for the second year of HCES 2022-24 has been initiated from August 2023.**

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