

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2858
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2025**

HOUSEHOLD INCOME SURVEY 2026

2858. Shri Gaurav Gogoi:

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

- (a) whether the Government has finalised the sampling framework and methodology for the upcoming Household Income Survey proposed in 2026, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the steps being taken to ensure that the survey captures the diversity of income sources across India's socio-economic, regional, caste and occupational groups particularly informal workers, marginal farmers, tribal communities and women-headed households;**
- (c) whether the survey methodology would be publicly released in advance for expert and stakeholder review, if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the manner in which the Government plans to address historical under-reporting of income, especially in the informal sector and what tools or safeguards are being introduced to improve data accuracy; and**
- (e) whether the results of the survey would be disaggregated by region, caste, gender, and occupation to enable evidence-based policy making on inequality and redistribution, if so, the details thereof?**

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): The National Statistics Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has planned to conduct a survey on Household Income Survey in the year 2026. For providing technical guidance with regard to finalization of concepts and definitions,

preparation of the survey method and instruments, sampling design, method of estimation on analyzing best country practices adopted across the world, a Technical Expert Group (TEG) under the Chairmanship of Dr. Surjit S. Bhalla, Former Executive Director of India, International Monetary Fund has been constituted. The TEG consists of eminent Economists and Professors from different Institutes of International repute like, Delhi School of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University etc. The ToR of the TEG inter-alia include providing guidance with regard to finalisation of concepts and definitions, preparation of the survey method and instruments, sampling design and method of estimation, finalization of the survey results and report for release. The development of survey methodology and survey instruments for the Household Income Survey under the overall guidance of TEG has been started.
