

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4445  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.08.2025**

**DISSOLUTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS**

**4445. SHRI VISHALDADA PRAKASHBAPU PATIL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the impact of dissolving the Standing Committee on Statistics (SCoS) on the overall statistical governance framework;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which its key functions will be handled by the Steering Committee for National Sample Surveys;**
- (c) whether the dissolution of the SCoS affects the coordination, oversight or methodological rigour of national statistical programmes;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the measures being taken to ensure the robustness and credibility of statistical data following this structural change; and**
- (e) whether any additional mechanisms are being introduced to maintain transparency and stakeholder confidence in national statistics and 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 [RAOINDERJIT SINGH]**

**(a) to (d): For the purpose of reviewing the extant framework and to address the issues raised from time to time on the subject, results, methodology, questionnaire, etc of all National Sample Surveys conducted by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI), the Steering Committee for National Sample Surveys (NSS)**

**has been constituted vide order dated 14.06.2024 as per the recommendation of National Statistical Commission (NSC). The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Committee have been framed with an objective of ensuring the robustness and credibility of statistical data. The details of Composition and ToRs are given in the Annexure. Further, as the roles and responsibilities of the Steering Committee overlapped with those of the SCoS constituted vide order dated 13.07.2023 as outlined in the respective Terms of Reference (ToRs), it was decided to dissolve the SCoS vide order dated 12.07.2024.**

**(e): MoSPI is the nodal agency for planned development of the statistical system in the country. In order to enhance the transparency of survey data, the reports of the survey results are released on the website of MoSPI alongwith the unit level data. The revamped Micro-data portal, the GoIStats mobile app and e-Sankhyiki portal have been launched by MoSPI which facilitate easy dissemination of official statistics showcasing important socio-economic indicators including GDP, inflation, employment data, etc across the country with an aim to provide timely and valuable data inputs. Regular dialogues with data users/stakeholders are also conducted in order to incorporate their feedback and enhance their understanding about the data being published by MoSPI.**

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## Annexure

The details including composition and terms of reference are as under:

### A. Composition of the Steering Committee:

1.	<b>Prof. Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar, Chairman (NSC)</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
2.	<b>Prof. Bimal Kumar Roy, former Professor, ISI Kolkata</b>	<b>Member</b>
3.	<b>Dr. Tathagata Bandyopadhyay, former Professor, IIM Ahmedabad</b>	<b>Member</b>
4.	<b>Dr. T. V. Ramanathan, D/o Statistics, S. P. Pune University</b>	<b>Member</b>
5.	<b>Prof. Sonal De Desai, Professor, NCAER, New Delhi</b>	<b>Member</b>
6.	<b>Dr. Biswanath Goldar, former Professor, Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), New Delhi</b>	<b>Member</b>
7.	<b>Dr. Mausumi Bose, former Professor, ISI Kolkata</b>	<b>Member</b>
8.	<b>Prof. S. Chandrasekhar, Professor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai</b>	<b>Member</b>
9.	<b>Chief Economic Adviser, DEA or its representative [Ms. Anuradha Guru, Economic Adviser]</b>	<b>Member</b>
10.	<b>Representative from Reserve Bank of India [Shri Ravi Shankar, Adviser, RBI]</b>	<b>Member</b>
11.	<b>CEO, NITI Aayog or its representative [Ms. Anna Roy, Principal Economic Adviser, NITI Aayog]</b>	<b>Member</b>
12.	<b>Director General (NSS), MoSPI, New Delhi</b>	<b>Member</b>
13.	<b>Director General (Central Statistics), MoSPI, New Delhi</b>	<b>Member</b>
14.	<b>ADG, C&amp;QCD (erstwhile SCD), NSS, MoSPI, New Delhi</b>	<b>Member</b>
15.	<b>ADG, HSD (erstwhile SDRD), NSS, MoSPI, Kolkata</b>	<b>Member</b>
16.	<b>Director, Directorate of Economics &amp; Statistics, Govt.. of Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>Member</b>
17.	<b>Director, Directorate of Economics &amp; Statistics, Govt. of Karnataka</b>	<b>Member</b>

	<b>DDG, C&amp;QCD, NSS, MoSPI</b>	<b>Non-Member Secretary</b>
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***(Note 1. The Member(s) at Sr. No. 2 to 7 above may be treated as Non-Official Member (s) as on date.***

***Note 2. It is further clarified that, where the membership is not designation-based in para A above, such Members of the Steering Committee will be deemed nominated by their names. Members at serial numbers 12 to 17 would be deemed nominated as per their designation. Moreover, Members at serial numbers 9, 10 & 11 would be deemed nominated as per their designation or represented from their respective offices.)***

**B. The tenure of the Steering Committee will be for a period of two years. The Steering Committee shall make recommendations to NSC on the matters specified in following Terms of Reference (ToR):**

**a. To review the extant framework and to address the issues raised from time to time on the subject results/ methodology questionnaire, sampling frame, sampling design, concepts and definitions, survey instruments etc. related to all National Sample Surveys as brought before the Steering Committee.**

**b. To examine the issues or any other matters raised from time to time on the subject methodology, etc. related to all National Sample Surveys by MoSPI or external entities as brought before the Steering Committee.**

**c. To review and advise on survey methodology including sampling frame, sampling design, survey instruments, etc. and to finalize tabulation plan of surveys.**

**d. Finalization and approval of survey results/ reports for release.**

**e. To provide guidance to conduct pilot surveys/pre-testing, if necessary, before finalizing schedules/ questionnaire for data collection from time to time.**

**f. To provide guidance for study and exploring the availability of administrative statistics relating to surveys/statistics.**

**g. To provide guidance for study/identify data gaps/additional data requirements, if any, in respect of surveys/statistics and suggest appropriate strategy for improvement.**

**h. To provide technical guidance to the Central and State (wherever State participation is there) level agencies for the conduct of the surveys.**

**i. Deliberate on any other matter relating to or incidental to the surveys/survey results referred to Steering Committee from time to time.**

**C. The Steering Committee will have the provision to constitute Working Group(s) for aforesaid purposes, if required. The Working Group(s) so formed will directly report to the Steering Committee.**

**D. The Coordination and Quality Control Division (erstwhile Survey Coordination Division) of NSS, MoSPI shall issue separate order(s) for constitution of such Working Group(s) after taking due approval of the Competent Authority and provide all requisite secretarial assistance to such Working Group(s) for the administrative and financial purposes.**

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