

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1993
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2026**

STRENGTHENING EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING AND PLANNING

1993. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

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

(a) the major initiatives has taken by the Government to strengthen evidence-based policy making and planning;

(b) whether the Government propose to launch capacity-building and training programme (digital tools, data analytics and data governance) structured for officers/field staff in order to ensure data collection and quality at district, block and Gram Panchayat level so that evidence-based scheme-building promoted at local level too and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government propose to develop data capacity-building, district-level analytics units or custom dashboard on pilot basis in Satna district of Madhya Pradesh including various other districts over there?

ANSWER

THE 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 OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE [RAO INDERJIT SINGH]

(a) The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has undertaken several significant major reforms to strengthen evidence-based policymaking and planning by enhancing the quality, frequency, timeliness, granularity, harmonization, and accessibility of official statistics. A major focus has been the modernization of National Sample Surveys through the adoption of digital platforms such as Computer

Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) integrated with e-SIGMA platform incorporating in-built validation checks, AI-enabled chatbots, and multilingual interfaces etc. MoSPI has launched short duration surveys to cater the emerging need for high-frequency socio-economic indicators.

Significant reforms have also been undertaken in macroeconomic statistics, including base revision of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Index of Industrial Production (IIP). MoSPI has undertaken comprehensive data harmonization/ standardization initiatives which inter-alia includes adoption of National Metadata Structure (NMDS 2.0), introduction of the Statistical Quality Assessment Framework (SQUAF), alignment with national and international classification standards.

Data dissemination and accessibility have been significantly enhanced through the revamped MoSPI website, GoStats mobile application, e-Sankhyiki portal, Microdata Portal and the use of APIs for data exchange. MoSPI has also strengthened stakeholder engagement through data user conferences, consultations, workshops, and feedback mechanisms and promoting research and innovation through collaborations with academic institutions.

(b) & (c) Further, MoSPI supports State/ UTs to enhance their capacity building through its Support for Statistical Strengthening (SSS) Sub-Scheme which aims to improve/ strengthen the statistical capacity and operations of the state statistical system for collecting, compiling and disseminating reliable official statistics at sub-state level. Additionally, National Statistical Systems Training Academy (NSSTA) a premier Central Training Institute under MoSPI organizes different training programmes on regular basis on "Official Statistics and related fields" including digital tools, data analytics and data governance for the capacity building of the Statistical personnel of Central and State/UT Governments to ensure better data collection from the field.
