

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3031
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2026**

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT (CD) SCHEME

**3031. SHRI SURESH KUMAR KASHYAP:
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the progress achieved under the Capacity Development (CD) scheme so far;**
- (b) the present status of the implementation of Economic Census under the said scheme;**
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any assessment of the impact of the said scheme on statistical capacity, data quality and timeliness; and**
- (d) 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) The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) achieved significant progress under Capacity Development (CD) scheme in strengthening India's statistical system through improvements in data quality, timeliness, and digital dissemination. Major achievements under CD Scheme are as under:

Survey processes were modernized through the use of Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) integrated with e-sigma platform incorporating in-built validation checks, AI-enabled chatbot, and multilingual interfaces, resulting in faster release of survey results. Sampling designs for key surveys such as the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) and Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE) were enhanced to produce monthly, quarterly estimates. The

base years of major macroeconomic indicators, namely Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Consumer Price Index (CPI) has been revised.

In addition, Data dissemination and accessibility have been significantly enhanced through the revamped MoSPI website, GoIStats mobile application, e-Sankhyiki portal, Microdata Portal and the use of APIs for data exchange. MoSPI has also launched a new web based monitoring system called PAIMANA (Project Assessment Infrastructure Monitoring and Analytics for Nation-Building) to monitor the status of Ongoing Central Sector Infrastructure Projects costing Rs. 150 crore and above. 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.

MoSPI has undertaken comprehensive data harmonisation/standardisation initiatives which inter-alia includes adoption of National Metadata Structure (NMDS 2.0), introduction of the Statistical Quality Assessment Framework (SQAF), alignment with national and international classification standards.

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.

Under the 'Support for Statistical Strengthening (SSS)' sub-scheme, MoSPI is providing financial assistance to States/UTs to strengthen/improve the statistical capacity and operations of State statistical systems for data collection, compilation and dissemination.

(b) MoSPI has taken initiatives for conduct of the 8th Economic Census (EC) and it is a part of EFC proposal of continuation of Capacity Development scheme of MoSPI.

(c) & (d) The third-party evaluation study of Capacity Development (CD) Scheme has been conducted during August, 2025 to November, 2025. The evaluation report, *inter-alia*, clearly indicated that the Scheme is crucial for strengthening statistical capacity, supporting SDG monitoring, and ensuring timely and reliable data dissemination and recommended for continuation of the CD Scheme beyond its current term.