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Dear Smt.,

Kindly refer to my D.O. letter of even number dated 22nd August 2019 addressed to Shri Amit Mitra, Hon'ble Finance Minister of West Bengal (copy enclosed) regarding participation of State of West Bengal in the 7th Economic Census (EC). As informed, the Economic Census is a complete enumeration of all establishments engaged in economic activity including those in households. The data from the Economic Census is used as a basis for generating various macro-economic indicators like GSDP, IIP, etc. This Census is to be conducted every 3 years so that a dynamic Statistical Business Register can be created.

2. The field work has started all over the country from July 2019 onwards, however, it is yet to start in the State of West Bengal. This will lead to a major data gap which will have implications on the GSDP and other indicators as also for disbursement of funds.

3. The Ministry has written to the State Government on a few occasions and also met with the Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal. I would request your kind intervention to facilitate the State Government towards launching and successful completion of 7th EC in West Bengal. Dr Pankaj Srivastava, Deputy DG, (Telephone: 011-26105146; Email: ddeg.ece@mospi.gov.in), MoSPI, will be in touch with your office to follow up.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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