OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Constitution of Steering Committee of Seventh Economic Census-reg.

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has been conducting the Economic Census (EC) from time to time. The EC provides a detailed and comprehensive database of all establishments in the country covering formal and informal establishments in both the public and private sectors. MoSPI has conducted six (6) ECs in the past during 1977, 1980, 1990, 1998, 2005 and 2013. The next EC (7th) is to be conducted during 2019 and will capture information on various economic variables like nature of economic activity, employment size, type of establishment etc. for all non-agricultural establishments at the State and Sub-State level. The 7th EC will use technological interventions in the conduct of the field work and develop a nationwide Business Register for dynamic updation.

2. For the overall guidance, conduct, implementation and monitoring of the 7th Economic Census, the competent authority has approved constitution of a Steering Committee with the following composition and Term of Reference:

2.1 Composition:

(1) Secretary, Ministry of Statistics & PI (MoSPI) - Chairperson
(2) Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment - Member
(3) Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs - Member
(4) Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology - Member
(5) Registrar General of India - Member
(6) Representative of NITI Aayog - Member
(7) Director General (ES), MOS&PI - Member
(8) Director General (Survey), MOS&PI - Member
(9) Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser, MoSPI - Member
(10) Additional DG, FOD, NSSO, MoSPI - Member
(11) Additional DG, ESD, CSO, MoSPI - Member (Convener)
2.2 Terms of reference:

(a) Evolve strategies for deciding logistics, implementation, coordination and financial issues and ensure timeliness for conduct of Economic Census;
(b) Evolve ways and means of conducting Economic Census in accordance with methodology recommended by the Expert Group constituted for the purpose;
(c) Evolve a consultation mechanism with States, concerned Ministries, Departments and Industry Associations, etc.;
(d) Evolve modalities of quality assurance in field work (including concurrent and non-concurrent inspection, data scrutiny and post enumeration checks) and data processing at national/ State/ sub-State levels in consultation with Chief Secretaries/ Administrators; and
(e) Evolve mechanisms for preparation of a national Business Register and its dynamic updation from existing and emerging databases at the central and state levels.

3. The Steering Committee will be standing/permanent in nature as the Census is proposed to be conducted every 3 years. The composition of the Committee and its Terms of Reference may be reviewed every 3 years.

4. Economic Statistics Division of CSO, MOS&PI will be the Secretariat to the Committee.

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