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**(Coordination section)**

**Sardar Patel Bhavan, Sansad Marg,**  
**New Delhi, dated the 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject:- Monthly summary for the Cabinet for the month of March 2020 - reg.**

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith the monthly summary of activities of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation for the month of March 2020.



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Encl. As above.

To

1. All Members of Council of Ministers (As per list)
2. All Secretaries to the Government of India (As per list)
3. Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. The Secretary to Hon'ble President of India, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
6. The Secretary to Hon'ble Vice President of India, 6 Moulana Azad Road, New Delhi.
7. The Principal Information Officer, M/o Information and Broadcasting, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

Copy to:-

- i. PS to Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), S&PI, S.P. Bhawan, New Delhi
- ii. Sr PPS to Secretary (S&PI), S.P. Bhawan, New Delhi.
- iii. PPS, ADG (CPD), Sankhiyiki Bhavan, 'C' Block, 1st Floor, M.V. Marg, Delhi.
- iv. PPS to ADG, CAP, S.P. Bhawan, New Delhi.
- v. PPS to DDG (PI Wing), R.K Puram, New Delhi.

**Copy also to:-** Data Informatics and Innovation Division (DIID), Level-3, East Block-10, R.K. Puram, New Delhi with the request to upload the monthly summary on the official web site of the Ministry.

## **Major initiatives and achievements of the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation during March 2020**

The National Statistical Office (NSO) has released Monthly Index of Industrial Production (IIP) and the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The salient features of these indices are:

- (a) The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for the Month of January 2020, was released on March 12, 2020. The IIP for the Month of January 2020 stood at 137.1 registering a growth of 2.0 percent over the index for the Month of January 2019.
  - (b) The General Consumer Price Indices (CPI) with base year 2012 for the Month of February 2020 (provisional) for Rural, Urban and Combined showed an annual inflation rate of 6.67%, 6.57% and 6.58% respectively. The Consumer Food Price Indices (CFPI) for February 2020 (provisional) for Rural, Urban and Combined showed an annual inflation rate of 10.37%, 11.51% and 10.81% respectively.
2. Field work of 7<sup>th</sup> Economic Census has been launched in 32 States/UTs so far. A total of 17.39 Cr. EC houses have been enumerated in 32 States/ UTs, accounting for 58.17% of targeted EC houses in these State/ UTs (status as on 29.03.2020). 75 % or more work has been completed in 15 States/ UTs namely; Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Haryana, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Puducherry and Tripura.
  3. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between M/o Statistics & Programme Implementation, Republic of India and the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics, on Cooperation in the field of Statistics on March 03, 2020 in

New York, USA on the sidelines of 51st session of United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC).

4. Monitoring of the infrastructure sector highlighted the following:

4.1 As per the latest Flash Report for the ongoing Central Sector Projects costing Rs.150 crore and above of January, 2020:

Total number of Ongoing Projects	1692
Number of Projects having Cost Overruns	401 (67.97%)*
Number of Projects having Time Overruns	552
Number of Projects reported completion	12 projects (1 project each from Fertilisers & Water Resources, 5 projects each from Petroleum and Power sector)
Cumulative expenditure till March 2019	Rs 892516.30 crore
Expenditure during the month of January, 2020	Rs 17097.53 crore
Cumulative expenditure till January 2020 of the F.Y.2019-20.	Rs 205088.34 crore
Total cumulative expenditure up to January, 2020.	Rs 1097604.64 crore

\* The % figure under bracket indicates the cost over-run w.r.t original cost.

4.2 Sector wise and Ministry/Department wise distribution of projects which were **not** reported on OCMS in the month of January, 2020:

SECTOR_NAME	Ministry/Department	TOTAL
CIVIL AVIATION	Ministry of civil Aviation	13
COAL	Ministry of Coal	1
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY	Ministry of Commerce and Industry	2
FERTILISERS	Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers	1
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	3
HEAVY INDUSTRY	Ministry of Heavy Industry	1
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT	Ministry of Human Resource	4
PETROLEUM	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources	23
POWER	Ministry of Power	9
RAILWAYS	Railway Board	76
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways	219
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	Ministry of Communication & Information Technology	3

URBAN DEVELOPMENT	Ministry of Housing and Urban Development	36
WATER RESOURCES	Ministry of Jal Shakti	5
Total		396

4.3 As per the latest Review Report on the Performance of the Infrastructure Sectors for the month of December 2019, Power Generation **(+4.89%)** and refinery production **(+0.94%) exceeded** their targets.

4.4 The Sectors that fell short of their targets were Coal Production **(-15.37%)**, Fertilizers Production **(-14.28%)**, Crude Oil Production **(-6.01%)**, Natural Gas Production **(-6.95%)**, Upgradation of Highways by NHAI **(-7.96%)**, Upgradation of Highways by State PWD & Border Road Organisation (BRO) **(-7.04%)** Goods traffic carried by Railways **(-4.70%)**, **Export** Cargo handled at Airports **(-6.29%)**, Import Cargo handled at Airports **(-15.39%)**, Passenger traffic handled at International terminal of the Airports **(-4.65%)** and Passenger traffic handled at Domestic terminal of the Airports **(-8.14%)**.

5. Under Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS), an amount of Rs. **397.50** crore have been released during the Month of March 2020 and the total fund released during the financial year 2019-20 up to **March 31, 2020** is Rs. **3640 crore**.

6. In line with the Government initiatives to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry took following major initiatives during the Month of March 2020:

6.1 The National Statistical Office (NSO) has suspended field work of Nationwide Sample Surveys (NSS) till 15.04.2020 . The Economic Statistics Division of NSO has also issued advisories to the Citizen Service Centre (CSC), a SPV (The implementing agency of 7<sup>th</sup> Economic Census) to comply with the guidelines of MHA/MoHFW/other Central/ State Authorities to curb the COVID-19.

6.2 The Ministry issued necessary circulars relaxing the Guidelines of Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) facilitating utilization of these funds to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

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