

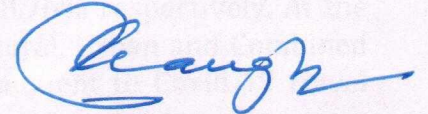
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Sardar Patel Bhavan, Sansad Marg,  
New Delhi, dated 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject:- Monthly summary for the Cabinet for the month of April 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 April 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.

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- i. PS to Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), S&PI, S.P. Bhawan, New Delhi
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## Major initiatives and achievements of the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation during April 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 February 2020 was released on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020. The IIP for the month of February 2020 stood at 133.3 registering a growth of 4.5 percent over the index for the month of February 2019.
  - b) The General Consumer Price Indices (CPI) with base year 2012 for the Month of March 2020 (provisional) for Rural, Urban and Combined showed an annual inflation rate of 6.09%, 5.66% and 5.91% respectively. The Consumer Food Price Indices (CFPI) for March 2020 (provisional) for Rural, Urban and Combined showed an annual inflation rate of 8.88%, 8.59% and 8.76% respectively. At the State level, only the General CPI was released for the Rural, Urban and Combined level in light of the inadequacy of data collected consequent to Covid-19 travel advisories.
3. The publication 'Energy Statistics 2020' was released in April 2020 and placed on the website of the Ministry. It is an annual publication providing a comprehensive picture of Energy Sector of India.
  4. It has been decided by the Government to not operate the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) for two years, that is, during FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22. The funds of the MPLAD Scheme for these years will be utilised by the Government for strengthening its efforts in managing the challenges of Covid-19 and its adverse impact on society.
  5. The field work of surveys in MoSPI was suspended from 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, leading to a disruption in normal survey activity. MoSPI has been interacting with various international agencies like the World Bank, ILO, UNSD etc. to evolve and adopt/ adapt methods and practices of handling the work of official statistics, including field level data collection, in a manner that can be effective in situations such as the current Covid-19 pandemic. These interactions are providing valuable insights and assisting MoSPI in assessing and adapting global best practices for statistical activities and operations in India.

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