

राष्ट्रीय सांख्यिकीय आयोग की निहित सिफारिशों पर की गई कार्रवाई रिपोर्ट

Action Taken Report

On the Recommendations of the National Statistical Commission

वार्षिक रिपोर्ट 2007-08

Annual Report for 2007-08

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय

भारत सरकार

नई दिल्ली

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

Action Taken Report on the Recommendations of the National Statistical Commission in its Annual Report for 2007-08

Recommendations made by National Statistical Commission	Action Taken
<p>Para No.5.3</p> <p>Taking over the functions of the Governing Council of NSSO by the NSC</p> <p>The NSC recommended to the Government that since the NSC had come into existence as an independent professional body with requisite autonomy and has the requisite authority as per the Resolution of the Government dated 1st June 2005 (Appendix-I) and the NSSO has been brought under its umbrella, the Governing Council of NSSO would not be needed and that a Steering Committee reporting to the Commission would be formed to take over the functions performed by the Governing Council of the NSSO.</p>	<p>This recommendation of the NSC has been accepted by the Central Government, and the Governing Council of NSSO dissolved.</p>
<p>Para No.5.4</p> <p>Constitution of Steering Committee</p> <p>The Commission recommended constitution of a Steering Committee for the NSSO.</p>	<p>The steering committee has been constituted, as recommended.</p>
<p>Para 5.6</p> <p>Supply of Unit Level Data of NSS</p> <p>The Commission recommended that the unit level data from the 61st round of NSS would be made available to the High Level Committee with conditions which would cover areas concerning data sharing, confidentiality of data and its provisional nature.</p>	<p>Unit level data of NSS 61st round was supplied to PM's High Level Committee on 10.8.06 after obtaining the prescribed undertaking.</p>

Para 5.14

Amending the Collection of Statistics Act

The Commission noted in the fourth meeting that the Collection of Statistics Bill was in an advanced stage and the Bill for the National Statistical Commission was to be drafted afresh. Commission recommended that while there should be convergence of both the Bills to strengthen the data collection machinery and the statistical system, these two legislations may be moved separately.

The Bill for the National Statistical Commission is being drafted. The Collection of Statistics Bill has been enacted by the Parliament as the Collection of Statistics Act, 2008 (7 of 2009).

Para 5.15

Amending the Collection of Statistics Act

The Government of India on the basis of the aforesaid recommendations of the NSC introduced the Collection of Statistics Bill, 2007 in the Rajya Sabha on 17th May 2007.

Para 5.22

Reconstitution of the SCIS

NSC decided to reconstitute the SCIS with Prof. Biswanath Goldar, Professor, Institute of Economic Growth as its Chairman. Besides Prof. Goldar, the SCIS will have Shri R Nagaraj and Dr. S L Shetty as non-official expert members. Official members of the SCIS would continue as at present in the reconstituted SCIS. The two Sub-Committees of the SCIS under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. K. Nath and Dr. N. S. Sastry would continue till they submit their recommendations to the SCIS. Further, it was decided that the Technical Advisory Committee for Index of Services Production under the Chairmanship of Prof. C. P. Chandrasekhar would function independently of the SCIS.

The Standing Committee on Industrial Statistics has been reconstituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. Biswanath Goldar, Professor vide Notification No.A60011/1/99-Ad.III dated 17.10.2006. Technical Advisory Committee for Index of Services Production (ISP) has so far held three meetings. The methodology for ISP for Railways, Civil Aviation and Ports have been completed. Some sub-groups have been formed to develop the methodology for other sectors.

Para 5.25

Formation of a Working Group for 64th round of NSS

The Commission recommended the following non-officials to be included in the Working Group, besides the Chairman.

- i. Prof. T. C. A. Anant, Delhi School of Economics
- ii. Prof. J.B.G. Tilak, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration
- iii. Prof. Samir Guha Roy, Ex-Professor, Population Studies Unit, ISI, Kolkata
- iv. Prof. Mari Bhat International Institute of Population Studies, Mumbai (Prof. Mari Bhat, who made valuable contributions to the Working Group passed away on 30th July, 2007).

Working Group was duly constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. K. Sundaram, as recommended.

Para 5.29 & 5.30

Role of Statistical Advisers in Central Ministries and States

The Commission recommended that the Statistical Advisers would be accountable to the Chief Statistician of India (CSI) on all core statistics. Further the reporting procedure for the Statistical Advisors in respective Ministries/ Department may be left to the Ministry/ Department. Broadly they will perform the coordinating functions besides their work in the Administrative Ministry/ Department.

A draft note on the role of Statistical Advisers in Central Ministries has been circulated to all the concerned Ministries. However, some ministries who are handling core statistics have commented that "No ISS officer is available who could be designated as Statistical Adviser". Therefore, those ministries who are handling core statistics but not having ISS posts have been requested to create full fledged Statistics Wing with ISS officers at appropriate level. The reply from these Ministries is awaited.

Para 5.31

Role of Statistical Advisers in Central Ministries and States

The Commission recommended that the MoS&PI may take suitable steps to institutionalize the coordinating and nodal role of the Statistical Advisers through appropriate administrative measures.

Steps to institutionalize the coordinating nodal role of the Statistical Advisers would be taken up after filling the vacancies in the Senior Administrative Grade of the Indian Statistical Service.

Para 5.35

Constitution of an Index Review Committee

The Hon'ble Prime Minister in his meeting with the leaders of Trade Unions on 19th August 2006 noted the concerns expressed by many participants about the distortions in the price indices and announced the constitution of an Index Review Committee to look into the matter. Accordingly, a reference of the Prime Minister's Office was received by the NSC requesting for suggestions on the composition of the Committee and its terms of reference. The Commission deliberated on the request and suggested if necessary Dr. Surjit S Bhalla, Member, National Statistical Commission could chair the proposed Index Review Committee, which should have, apart from one or two non-official members, officials from Labour Bureau, Central Statistical Organization, Ministry of Finance, representatives from the Trade Union and Employers Organizations. The Commission recommended the following terms of reference for the Index Review Committee.

An Index Review Committee was constituted by the Government of India under the Chairmanship of Prof. G.K. Chadda, Member, Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council. The Committee has representatives from various Central Trade Unions, Employers Organizations, Central Government, State Governments and Academicians. The Committee has considered the entire gamut of issues concerning CPI (IW). The Committee has held six meetings at various places in the country. The draft report of the Committee is under its consideration.

Para 5.36

Proposals for the 11th Five-Year Plan relating to the Statistics Wing of MoS&PI

The Commission recommended the rationalization of some of the schemes and restricted the Tier II of the World Bank aided India Statistical Strengthening Project (IISP) to

A Plan Scheme for Tier-II of the Indian Statistical Strengthening Project (ISSP)

<p>strengthening of the State Statistical Bureaus. The recommendations/ views of the NSC on 11th Plan proposals were forwarded to the DG, CSO vide Endt. No. 4/2006(7)-NSC on 22-12-2006. The MoS&PI reported that the scheme is being reformulated and processed further on the basis of the recommendations of the NSC.</p>	<p>has since been formulated, with the primary objective of and focus on the strengthening of the State Statistical System in their entirety, including that of the State Statistical Bureaux. Detailed State Strategic Statistical Plan (SSSP) guidelines have been formulated for the purpose, inter-alia on the basis of the recommendations of the NSC. So far, 22 States/UTs, have formally communicated their decision to participate in the implementation of this Project, through their Letter of Participation (LOPs) sent to the Government of India. These States/UTs, as also their counterparts which may be joining the project in future are proposed to be assisted by the Government of India, both technically and financially in the formulation and implementation of their SSSPs.</p>
<p>Para 5.37</p> <p>Setting up of an ISI at Chennai</p> <p>The Commission gave the opinion that to start with, an ISI Center might be set up on the model of Delhi and Bangalore Centers of the ISI.</p>	<p>The Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) Kolkata has upgraded the existing Statistical Quality Control and Operations Research (SQC&OR) facilities at Chennai along the lines of Centres at Delhi and Bangalore.</p>

Recommendations made by National Statistical Commission	Action Taken
<p>Para 7.9</p> <p>Population Underestimation in NSS</p> <p>The Commission recommended that the study could be entrusted to Shri S K Sinha who had retired from the NSSO recently and had long experience working in the Registrar General's Office.</p>	<p>Shri. S.K.Sinha, retired Director General of the National Sample Survey Organisation was appointed as full time Consultant to undertake study of Population underestimation in National Sample Survey w.e.f. 15th July 2008 for a period of six months. The study has been completed.</p>
<p>Para 7.20</p> <p>Reference by the Department of Posts</p> <p>The Commission was of the view that the exercise of estimating the volume of unaccounted mail is required to be studied in detail by Statistical professionals to suggest an appropriate sample design along with other changes in the costing methodology. In this context, it was felt that the services of the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata could be used for undertaking a detailed study of the present methodology and understand the lacunae, if any, and suggest improvements in the present methodology. The NSC recommended that this could be considered by the Department of Posts after ascertaining the willingness of the ISI on mutually acceptable terms and conditions.</p>	<p>The matter was taken up with Department of Post. However, Department of Posts requested for service of JAG/SAG level ISS officers in Department of Post for temporary period. Thereafter, Department of Posts was again requested to nominate JAG/SAG level ISS officer on the Postal Services Board for advice on statistical matters. The Department of Posts has since constituted a committee for improving upon the methodology of data collection and included Shri Mrinal Bhomik, Director, RO, NSSO, FOD, Gwalior, as the nominee of MOSPI.</p>
<p>Para 7.21</p> <p>Reference by the Department of Posts</p> <p>It was also noted that the statistical unit in the Department of Posts was understaffed and that the Department was willing to expand the same by inducting an Officer of suitable level of the Indian Statistical Service. The NSC recommended that the MoS&PI should take up this issue with the Department of Posts.</p>	
<p>Para 7.30</p> <p>Consumer price Index for Rural and Urban India.</p> <p>The Commission recommended (i) to adopt link index based on ratio method after aggregating the sub-group level indices of CPI (IW) using CPI (UNME)</p>	<p>The Consumer Price Index for Urban Non Manual Employees (CPI [UNME]) base 1984-85=100 has been discontinued with</p>

<p>weights, as it is easy for the users to understand; and (ii) discontinue the current CPI (UNME) series. The Commission recommended a methodology for working out linking factor and the link index at all India level.</p>	<p>effect from April, 2008. As decided by the National Statistical Commission, Linked All India CPI (UNME) numbers, linking to CPI (IW) on base 2001=100 are being released from April, 2008 onwards for meeting the requirement of users.</p>
<p>Para 7.33</p> <p>Use of statistical packages in the MoS&PI.</p> <p>Commission recommended that ISS Officers especially those handling survey data analysis in the NSSO and others doing analytical work elsewhere should be encouraged to use statistical packages.</p>	<p>ISS officers in the NSSO, especially those handling survey data analysis and report writing are using various statistical packages in their work. Even in the field of primary data collection, computer aided data collection facilities are being introduced. A beginning has been made by introducing the use of laptops in collection of data on prices in urban areas. Efforts are also being made to switch over to more reliable and dependable system of data processing using Relational Data Base Management System (RDBMS) using Oracle in place of C ++ based software. Process for procurement of necessary software/hardware has been initiated in this regard by Data Processing Division of NSSO.</p> <p>The Training Division / NASA conducts special induction as well as refresher courses to use various Statistical Packages like SPSS, SAAS & STATA etc. for ISS officers. In addition it also conducts special training for ISS officers to use these packages for analyzing NSSO data.</p>