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Capacity Building in Statistics at National level and assessment of requirement of Statisticians nationally

Para 2.3(a)

The Commission observed the need for a more targeted approach in the outreach programme presently conducted by NSSTA, MoSPI to address the geographically lopsided representation of universities in ISS. Commission also felt that there is a need for more rigorous publicity of the career in official statistics particularly in ISS and the state statistical cadre amongst the students pursuing **Statistics** at undergraduate and post graduate levels.

Each year, based upon recommendation/ direction of Training Programme Approval Committee (TPAC), NSSTA conducts following awareness workshop/training programme on 'Official Statistics', for the purpose of wide publicity of career in the field of official statistics particularly in ISS and the state statistical cadre amongst the students pursuing Statistics at undergraduate and post graduate levels.

- (i) Training of Trainers (ToT) for University faculties: This is a one-week exposure training programme on Official Statistics' for University Senior Professors of Department of Statistics of Universities/ Colleges, conducted at NSSTA;
- (ii) Awareness workshops on University
 Campus/ Colleges: NSSTA conducts
 one day workshop on 'Official Statistics'
 for Students and Faculty of Statistics/
 Economics Department of Universities/
 Colleges at their campus.
- (iii) One day study tour of different Universities/Colleges is conducted for

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Para 2.3 (b)	A dedicated webpage/website highlighting the career prospects in official statistical system may be developed by MoSPI for this purpose.	students as well as their faculties at National Statistical System Training Academy (NSSTA), to spread the awareness in the field of Official Statistics. (iv)Training Programme for M-Stats student of ISI: NSSTA conducts this training programme of 8 days on 'Official Statistics' for Student of M-Stats of ISI at ISI Kolkata each year. TPAC will be apprised of the recommendation for suggesting appropriate changes. As far as recruitment to Indian Statistical Service (ISS) is concerned, it may be noted that the same is done by MoSPI on the recommendation of Union Public Service Commission as per laid down process. A mechanism of self-registration is also being developed over MoSPI website under NIIP project, where anyone would be registered her/himself and undergo the different training programme in the field of Official Statistics and accordingly, s(he) may also be able to
		explore the opportunities from career prospective over MoSPI website.
Para 2.3 (c)	Commission desired that the matter may be pursued with MoHRD to have information on the students with statistics	India Survey on Higher Education, it can only

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	subject passing out from	levels data is being collected as programmes
	Universities and to understand	such as B.Sc. & B.A.
	the pattern of their absorption in	
	the labour market. NSSTA,	
	MoSPI may also independently	
	take up the matter with	
	universities.	

Analytics on National and State level data

Para 2.5

During the 110th NSC meeting held on 23rd October 2019, the discussion the subject on highlighted the need to make forecasting and robust predictive analysis integral to the official statistical system. Data including the input data for Gross Domestic Product (GDP) need to be analysed in more detail.

MOSPI generates estimates of Macroeconomic aggregates using a number of data sources. The estimates are compiled by following the recommendations of System of National Accounts 2008. MoSPI neither carries out predictive analysis based on input data sources nor does any forecasting of the macro-economic estimates, being producer of the actual estimates. Making forecast or prediction may create bias in the actual estimates. Therefore. be it may not appropriate for this Ministry to forecasting and predictive analysis integral to the official statistical system.

As for analysis of input data, while producing the GDP estimates, detailed analysis of input data is carried out but their forecasting is not done in order to remain unbiased as mentioned above.

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Specific Pri	ice Index for capturing the impac	ct on poor segment on the population
Para 2.11(a)	Commission observed that comparison with e-commerce/ online purchase should be built in the design to cross check or benchmark the data, at least for urban CPI.	Para 2.11 (a) to 2.11 (b): Price Statistics Division (PSD), NSO is contemplating a pilot study with IIT Chennai for capturing e-commerce/on-line purchase and scanner price data (point of sale) of retail
Para 2.11(b)	It was desired that PSD may provide a detailed paper to NSC responding to these queries.	outlets for CPI. In this regard, three Meetings have already been held with IIT Chennai for spell out 'Terms of Reference' and 'modality' of proposed pilot study. Further, IIT Chennai has shared a document related to scope of proposed pilot study, which is being examined by PSD.
Modalities for	-	be undertaken by NSC for Data integration
Para 2.14(a)	It was decided that NSO may indicate 4 Regional Offices in different geographical regions with adequate resources who could coordinate the project in one of the district of their jurisdiction.	FOD has already conveyed the names of 4 Regional Offices namely Dehradun, Raipur, Bengaluru and Bhubaneshwar in this regard.
Para 2.14(b)	It was further decided that Dr. Kiran Pandya, member, NSC with DG (Statistics) will prepare a concept note indicating the scope of work and deliverables for the project and share the	The concept note is under preparation.

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	same with NSO.	

Documentation and Data Sharing Protocols:

Para 2.16

In view of the increase in use of technology in the work of MOSPI, issues related to data sharing protocol and information security assumes more significance. It was noted that MoSPI follows the Data Documentation and Dissemination Policy in respect of sharing of final data and reports with users, there was no expressed guidelines in terms of ensuring information security in the system. Commission opined that given the sensitivity of data it is essential to have a information comprehensive security protocol. **NSC** submitted secretariat that Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY) has developed umbrella guidelines and it is possible to customize the same for MoSPI to develop broad guidelines to begin with.

MoSPI has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) for steering the IT initiatives of the MoSPI. MeitY is also one of the members of the IMC. The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the IMC inter alia include to decide on statistical data and metadata exchange protocol amongst Central and State Governments and other agencies including international organisations. While deciding the statistical data and metadata exchange protocol, the information security aspects will also be looked into.

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Formulation (NSC) Bill	•	ne draft National Statistical Commission
Para 2.19(a) Para 2.19(b)	proposed Commission should adopt a hybrid model with regards to the members of the Commission. Instead of 5 full time members, it may have a mix of both full time and part time members.	Para 2.19 (a) to 2.19 (g): The observations of the Commission have suitably been incorporated in the draft NSC Bill.
Para 2.19(c)	The status of Chairperson and Members may be included in the Bill.	
Para 2.19(d)	The list of core indicators should be flexible and not fixed, so that addition and deletion can be done as per requirement.	
Para 2.19(e)	The Deputy Governor, RBI as nominated by the Governor, RBI and the Chief Statistician of India (CSI) to be ex-officio	

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Para 2.19 (f)	members of the Commission. The Search Committee for selection of Chairperson and Members of the Commission should follow the standard government selection protocols under the Cabinet Secretary.	
Para 2.19(g)	Each state may have a State Chief Statistician, and the person should not be below the rank of Additional Chief Secretary /Principal Secretary in the State.	

Miscellaneous issues

Para 2.20	The	Com	missio	n	also
	discus	sed the	issue d	of propo	sed
	pilot	study	to	dev	elop
	metho	dology f	or Soc	ial aud	it. It
	was	decided	that	Dr. K	(iran
	Pandy	∕a, Mer	nber,	NSC	will
	intera	ct with	prof	essors	of
	Samp	ling and	Officia	al Statis	stics
	Unit	(SOSL	J) &	Арр	olied
	Statist	tics Un	it (A	SU)of	ISI
	regard	ling the	Social	Audit	Pilot
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	budge	t which	he wo	uld pre	sent
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Prof. Kiran Pandya, Member NSC apprised the meeting about proposed Social Audit Pilot project. Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) presented their pilot project "Enhancing Social Audit through Survey Sampling and Analytics" which was jointly prepared by Prof. Kiran Pandya and some Professors of ISI.

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Action Plan	n for NSC:	
Para 2.22(a)	The Guidelines for Conducting Statistical Surveys to be followed by Central Ministries/ Departments, which intend to conduct any statistical survey as contained in Government of India Notification No. 232 dated 5th December 2011, may be re-circulated. Information regarding any statistical survey conducted by the Central Ministries/ Departments in last 5 years may be sought and compiled.	Para 2.22 (a) to Para 2.22 (b): All the Central Ministries/ Dept. were requested to ensure implementation of these guidelines and to inform NSC Sectt. about the statistical surveys conducted by them during last 5 years and their current status.
	of subject and coverage of NS e Indicator Survey	S 78th round survey on Domestic Tourism
Para 3.4 (a)	NSS may undertake these Surveys and work out a mechanism for quick release of results. They need to work quickly to convert the schedule of enquiry into questionnaire in this direction	Questionnaire approach has already been implemented since NSS 78 th round which commenced from January, 2020.
Para3.4 (b)	For the MIS Survey, these may be conducted at regular intervals so that the data requirements for the	The first Multiple Indicator Survey (MIS) has been launched in 78 th round from Jan-Dec 2020.

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	corresponding SDG indicators can get updated.	
Para 3.4 (c)	While finalizing the questionnaire, information may also be sought for the awareness and offtake of associated government schemes like the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana etc	The question on awareness of the household about Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) has been included in the questionnaire of first MIS.
Para3.4 (d)	For employment and unemployment surveys, more probing questions need to be asked on how the youth are engaging themselves, especially when they are neither in education, training or employment (NEET) and means for sustenance.	The question on NEET has been introduced in the MIS Schedule.
Para 3.4 (e)	For the education component, the nature of educational institution (public, private, semi private, etc) where last education was availed may also be asked.	Question regarding type of institution in which the household member is enrolled has been kept in MIS Questionnaire with codes for 'Govt.', 'Private—aided by Govt.', 'Private—unaided', and 'not-known'.
Para 3.4 (f)	For the issue of migration, NSS may also look at the legal provisions like the Inter-State Migrant Workmen Act and see whether any inputs need to be	On this issue, about 16 questions have been included in MIS questionnaire on migration (including re-migration) of the household members. In the subsequent MIS/Migration survey,

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	sought from the respondents	legal provisions of the Inter-State Migrant
	while finalizing the schedule.	Workmen Act can be explored.
	wrille illializing the schedule.	Workmen Act can be explored.
Para 3.4 (g)	A complete mapping needs to	For all the indicators brought out on the
	be done on how the	basis of Surveys, the metadata is provided in
	questionnaires and Meta data	terms of concepts and definitions, design,
	of the proposed NSS Rounds	methodologies based on which the data is
	map into the final indicator.	collected. With the introduction of
		questionnaires from NSS 78 th round,
		metadata would include the mapping of
		questions and metadata to the final indicator.
Para 3.4 (h)	As the subjects to be covered	The Working Group constituted for the MIS
	under MIS are quite diverse,	has undertaken a study on adequacy of
	the Working Committee may	sample size of some of the SDG indicators.
	assess the adequacy of	The findings were presented in the 8 th
	sample size and	Working Group meeting held on 28.08.2020.
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important	surveys like PLFS and ASI	valid estimates in relation to some of the
Para 3.10(a)	A Committee to be constituted	A Committee has been constituted for
	to study the adequacy of the	determination of sample size for sub-state
	sample size of the surveys and	level estimates under the Chairmanship of
	for improving the quality of	Prof. T.J. Rao, ISI Kolkata wherein Dr. G.C.
	data. The Committee may inter	Manna is a special invitee.
	alia also comment on the issue	
	of data quality and the	
	deployment of technology to	
	develop the real time	
	validation. Chairman	
	suggested that Prof Mousumi	

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	Bose, Applied Statistics Unit, ISI Kolkata may chair this committee depending on her availability and Dr G C Manna may be a special invitee to the Committee. The names for other members of the committee may be decided by MoSPI.	
Para3.10 (b)	A joint meeting of the Standing Committee on Labour Force Statistics (SCLFS) and NSC may be convened to understand the change in design effect and noticeable under estimation of certain parameters in the PLFS report.	SCLFS has ceased to exist and labour force surveys are now guided by Standing Committee on Economic Statistics (SCES). The design and schedule of PLFS (2021-22) has been discussed in the meeting of subcommittee 2 of SCES. The joint meeting of subcommittee 2 of SCES and NSC may be organised.
Para 3.12	Commission observed that the same Committee may look into the matters raised in the meeting of NSC on 5th Sept 2019. Further, the Chairman desired that the composition of the Committee may be revised to have Prof T J Rao, ISI as the Chairman of this Committee whereas former Principal Advisor of Reserve Bank of India, Shri Gautam Chatterjee may be a member of the committee depending on	A Committee to determine the sample size for sub-state level estimates under the chairmanship of Prof. T. J. Rao has been formed. The other members of the committee are Shri Gautam Chatterjee, Former Principal Advisor of RBI, Shri K. P. Unnikrishnan, Former ADG, NSO, Dr A. K. Srivastava, Retired Prof., IASRI, New Delhi, Dr Tauqueer Ahmad, Head Sample Survey, IASRI, New Delhi, Shri Panchanan Das, Former ADG, NSO, Dr. G. C. Manna, Member, NSC. The first meeting of the committee was held on 06.03.2020.

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	their availability. Dr. G.C Manna, Member, NSC may be a special invitee to the Committee. The names for other members of the committee may be decided by MoSPI.	
Regular arra Para3.15 (a)	The Commission asked the Secretariat to share the past report with members.	NSC Secretariat had shared the report to NSC chairman and members on 12.09.2019.
Para 3.15(b)	The Commission further recommended that NSO may submit a note highlighting the estimates and their confidence limits in respect of few characteristics like LFPR, WPR, UR and MPCE separately for central and state samples for a few states representing different regions based on NSS 68th round.	The exercise of developing confidence limits for the parameters LFPR, WPR, UR and MPCE based on central sample data of NSS 68 th round has been taken up. Request has been sent to States/ UTs to provide estimates of LFPR, WPR, UR and MPCE based on state sample data of NSS 68 th round along with corresponding RSE (%) and confidence limit for different sectors/gender.
Para3.15(c)	A group may be constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. G. C. Manna, Member, NSC to	As far as the RFP of GSS and its present status is concerned, the same has not been envisaged to regularize the mechanism of

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	study the issues hindering the	pooling of central and state samples.
	Pooling of data and	
	recommend ways on how a	
	regular mechanism can be put	
	in place. The	
	recommendations could then	
	be considered by MoSPI when	
	they implement the ICT based	
	Generalized Survey Solutions	
	(GSS) in NSS which would	
	also address the bottlenecks in	
	Pooling of Central and State	
	sample data.	
Improving d	ata quality in NSS survey -FOD,	SDRD, DQAD
Para3.19 (a)	The survey questionnaire need	Efforts have been made to address the issue
(4)	to be made more dynamic to	while designing the questionnaires.
	adopt and reflect the changes	Willie designing the questionnalies.
	in Indian economy from both	
	the supply and demand side.	
	the supply and demand side.	
Para3.19 (b)	Use of alternate source of data	Some checks have been incorporated in
	to complement and facilitate or	Computer-Assisted Personal Interviews
	validate data collected through	(CAPI) module to validate data at the time of
	surveys while the survey if	collection of information. External validation
	going on.	of data after completion of survey field work
		is being done for the survey to the extent of
		availability of corresponding external data.

Reference para nos. in the Annual Report Para3.19 (c)	Recommendation (s)/ Observations/Decisions in brief Exploring the use of advanced technologies like using Analytical tools such as Big Data, Al and Machine learning to improve the data collection and survey process.	Action taken MoSPI will explore the use of advanced technologies like using Analytical tools such as Big Data, Al and Machine learning to improve the data collection and survey process.
Para3.19 (d)	NSO to expedite the skill training ecosystem for survey enumerators, data quality persons etc in collaboration with MSDE.	NSO has collaborated with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and formulated Qualification Packs for Field Survey Enumerator, Data Quality Assurance Executive and Survey Supervisor.
Para3.19 (e)	NSO to also expedite the cadre review of ISS and SSS officers so that regular positions can be created and filled up in the medium term.	Subordinate Statistical Service (SSS) Officers: Cadre Review process in respect of SSS Officers has been initiated and draft proposal has been prepared in consultation with participating Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations. The Proposal has been envisaged with the objective to augment SSS with sufficient manpower so that the policies and vision of the Govt. of India may be implemented in its letter and spirit supported by an accurate data collected by the Field Level Officials, who primarily are SSS Officers. Presently the proposal is at draft stage. Indian Statistical Service (ISS) Officers: The Cadre review proposal of ISS Officer has already been initiated by the Ministry and the same is in under process.

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Para3.19 (g)	A Methodological Study Unit may be established in NSO to take up focused studies on priority.	MoSPI has decided that a Methodological Study Unit is placed in the Survey Design & Research Division of NSO, MoSPI.
Para3.19 (h)	Experts from leading industry may also be invited to participate and contribute in the survey process.	Experts from leading industry are also included during the constitution of the Working Group. In recent past, representatives of FICCI, Tata Trusts etc have been included in the Working Group.
Para3.19 (i)	Technological interventions are extremely critical to strengthen the survey set up. NSC emphasized on creating a road map on augmentation of technology into survey planning.	e-SIGMA(e-Survey Instrument and Generalised Multimodal Application), a Generalized Survey Solution (GSS) is being developed for augmentation of technology into survey –planning.
Para3.19 (j)	Restructuring and resizing the survey questionnaire by regrouping the questions and abridging the questionnaire may be taken up at pilot basis as a measure to address the larger issue of response fatigue.	Questionnaire has been drafted in consultation with different stakeholders and deliberated in different meeting of Working Group(s). On recommendation of the Working Group, pilot survey was conducted to finalize the questionnaires for surveys on MIS, Consumption basket for development of chain base indices etc. Necessary modifications in the questionnaires on the basis of the experiences of the pilot survey have also been incorporated.

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Data qualit	y in Household Consumer Exper	nditure Survey
Para3.23 (a)	The Commission noted that MoSPI will be undertaking two back-to-back surveys on consumer expenditure to be undertaken during the period 2020-21 and 2021-22. This will facilitate taking a decision on the appropriate year to be chosen for the next base year revision of macro-economic indicators.	Preparation for the first survey has already been started and a Survey on Consumption Basket for Development of Chain Base indices in line with the erstwhile consumer expenditure survey will be launched soon.
Para3.23 (b)	The item basket of Consumer Expenditure Survey (CES) may be revised and rationalized by removing obsolete items/items with insignificant contribution to the total Monthly Per Capita Expenditure (MPCE) and inclusion of new/emerging items. Also, there is need to prune down the list of items by regrouping/merging/amalgama tion of a number of existing items.	In the proposed Survey on Consumption Basket for Development of Chain Base indices, obsolete items with insignificant contribution to monthly per capita expenditure have been clubbed with item category 'other'. Regrouping / merging / amalgamation of existing items have also been done on the basis of relative importance and consumption pattern of the households.
Para3.23 (c)	With a view to capture information on subsidies availed by the households	In the proposed Survey on Consumption Basket for Development of Chain Base indices, a number of items have been

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	welfare programmes, appropriate provision in the CES schedule/questionnaire may be made in the forthcoming surveys.	information on subsidies availed by the households for these items has been made in the survey on consumption basket for development of chain base indices.
Para3.23 (d)	Ways and means to be evolved for capturing information on consumption from other sources as well including on-line retails sales etc.	This issue has been taken into consideration during the development of questionnaires for Survey on Consumption Basket for Development of Chain Base indices.
Para3.23 (e)	The length of the CES schedule / questionnaire may be optimized by suitable regrouping / re-arrangement of items so that the respondent burden is minimized. Efforts to be made to ensure that the time taken for filling up the responses may be targeted at around 45 minutes.	The existing CES schedule has been split into four questionnaires with a view to minimize the length as well as time taken for collecting information.
Para 3.23 (f)	A targeted and focused approach may be adopted while interviewing the informants to reduce nonsampling errors. This may be implemented with technological interventions through a suitable rule-based randomization of the blocks/sections and items in	Rule base randomization of the blocks/sections/items will be implemented in the CAPI version of the questionnaire for the upcoming Survey on Consumption Basket for Chain Base indices.

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	the schedule/questionnaire.	
Para3.23 (g)	Rapid advancement of e-commerce has led to significant change in the purchasing behaviour of the households and such purchases constitute a notable share of households' procurement of goods and services (metros/urban areas). Suitable provision in the CES questionnaire should be made to capture information on online purchases.	Provision for collection of information on online purchase has been made in the upcoming survey on consumption basket for chain base indices.
Para3.23 (h)	The new approach may be finalized and implemented after following due survey protocols. The possibility of conducting CES in PLFS fashion (i.e., following rotational panel) where information on a particular group of items, say, food items may be collected from a group of households in a particular visit while information on nonfood items may be collected from the other group households should also be explored.	The possibility of following such a PLFS approach was discussed the meeting of the working group in detail. However, in view of the fact that the information collected through CES is also used to derive the distribution of population by MPCE fractile classes, it was decided to collect information on the entire consumption basket from the same set of households in three separate monthly visits.

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Para 3.24	Considering the analysis presented by SDRD and views of the members it was agreed that the Household Consumer Expenditure Survey (HCES) Data of NSS 75th round are not sensitive enough to capture the significant changes in the household consumption behaviour, especially those goods and services delivered through social-welfare programmes. It was recommended that the survey results may not be released in its present form nor used as a basis for base year revision of the macro-economic indicators.	As recommended, results were not released.
Para 3.25	It was further recommended that MoSPI should accelerate the intervention of technology for faster data collection with improved quality and quick release of results.	Technological intervention has already been implemented while collecting the data. Data are being collected through CAPI in Questionnaire mode which is expected to reduce the time lag for release of data.
Discussion	on the length of the Schedule o	f NSSO Surveys
Para 3.28(a)	The CES schedules to be reworked and rationalized before canvassing them in the	The previous CES schedule has been modified and rationalized following the recommendations of NSC and also on the

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	two back-to-back surveys for	basis of the experiences gain through a pilot
	2020-21 and 2021-22. NSS	survey. The first survey using the modified
	may rework their plans for	questionnaires will be launched soon.
	other surveys to accommodate these activities.	
	tilese activities.	
Para3.28 (b)	The schedules for key surveys	In the proposed Survey on Consumption
	to be rationalized so that the	Basket for Development of Chain Base
	response time may be within	indices, the schedule has been split into four
	40 minutes.	questionnaires to shorten the response time.
Para3.28 (c)	The survey approach and	The questionnaires of the upcoming Survey
	concepts to be reworked so	on Consumption Basket for Development of
	that they are more relevant to	Chain Base in indices (replacing the
	the changing requirements of	erstwhile survey on consumer expenditure)
	the society. For the CPI	have been designed keeping in mind all
	basket, keeping in view the	these recommendations of the NSC.
	requirement of stakeholders,	
	explores the feasibility of using	
	randomization techniques /	
	splitting techniques. MoSPI	
	may consider carrying out a	
	quick pilot study, as necessary,	
	to decide an appropriate	
	survey methodology for more	
	realistic estimate of Household	
	Consumption and Expenditure (HCE).	
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Tabulation	NSO(SDRD) needs to look at	of NSS 77th Round The coverage of information collected in
	already published data like the Cost of Cultivation Studies conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare under the Comprehensive Scheme for Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops may be examined/studied by NSO (SDRD), with a view to examine possible overlaps.	Cost of Cultivation Studies will be studied during the preparation of survey instruments for the next round of survey on Situation Assessment of Agricultural Household of NSO with the aim to eliminate/ reduce possible overlaps between Cost of Cultivation Studies and Situation Assessment of Agricultural Household.
Para 3.32(b)	Proposals for undertaking new surveys for consideration of NSC, may include the need for the survey from the prospective users/sponsors, probable indicators and draft tabulation plan. An in-depth study of availability of administrative data and availability of data from other sources/surveys needs to be duly factored into the proposal.	Para 3.32 (b) to 3.32 (c): This will be duly considered in the proposals for new surveys for consideration of NSC.
Para 3.32(c)	Findings from the analysis may be presented to the NSC.	

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Tabulation plan and Estimation procedure of Time Use Survey (TUS), 2019

Para 3.35

NSO (SDRD) made a presentation on tabulation plan and estimation procedure of the Time Use Survey. The NSC desired that the detailed instruments, concepts and methodology may be shared with the NSC.

The survey instruments have been shared with NSC.

Miscellaneous issues

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The Commission also discussed the house listing operation and its usefulness in the survey. The Commission recommended NSO that (SDRD) may undertake a study to assess the feasibility of doing away with house exercise listing bγ using alternative cost effective and efficient methods. Results of the study may be placed before the NSC.

This will be undertaken.