Action Taken Report on the recommendations of NSC Annual Report for the year 2012-13

Sr. No.	Ref. Para No.	Recommendations of the Commission	Action Taken
1	2.11	1. There is a need for an institution which undertakes, in a professional way, statistical projects that cannot be accommodated or taken up in the existing setup of the Government. For this purpose, the NSC recommended that the MOSPI may establish a Society to be registered under the Societies Act, with its Headquarters at New Delhi. The Society has to be under the administrative oversight (not direct administrative control) of the MOSPI, and it has to undertake its activities with a non-profit motive.	Efforts are being made to set up a Society in the lines of NIAR (National Institute of Administrative Research) which is a society under the aegis of LBSNAA, Mussoorie. This was agreed to by Secretary, S&PI. Accordingly, NIAR was visited and based on the inputs received from them as well as from other sources, a draft Memorandum of Association (MOA) and consolidated proposal was approved by DG, CSO. The matter is being followed up.
2		with - (a) training of manpower engaged from time to time in statistical activities of the Government, (b) conducting statistical surveys (censuses, sample surveys, evaluation studies, case studies, methodological studies etc.,) of the Central Government and of the States/ UTs, (c) analytical and research work, and (d) providing statistical plans to address various issues. It may also take up consultancy projects/ services offered by private sector.	
3		3. The NASA may be made a part of the Society.	
4		4. Further details on the structure, seed money requirements etc., for the Society may be worked out by the Steering Committee on the lines of	

		other similar societies established by the Government, duly keeping in view the need for adequate delegation of powers to the society for its smooth functioning. The Society may be provided with a minimum contingent of staff, so that it could take up activities through outsourcing.	
5		5. The Society has to follow the Code of Statistical Practice and the Guidelines on outsourcing statistical activities recommended by the NSC in its Annual Report for the financial year 2010-11, so as not to compromise on professional approach in collection and dissemination of statistics.	Do-
6		6. As the Society, after its establishment, shall take up all statistical activities of the Government at the Centre which cannot be taken up within the setup, the Government Departments at the Centre shall not outsource any statistical project to any other person or organisation.	
7	3.11	(i) There is no need for conducting a separate survey and compiling a separate CPI for Central Government employees.	
8		(ii) The twelve monthly moving average as on 1 st January and 1 st July of each year, obtained from the CPIU at all India level being published by the CSO, may be used for regulating DA and other allowances of the Central Government employees.	over the years and there are no demands for its alteration, the Commission recommends continuance of the existing formula and methodology for calculating the Dearness Allowance." The recommendation of the 7 th CPC on DA has been accepted by the Government. The reference base for calculation of Dearness Allowance after coming into force of the revised Pay structure would be linked to the average index as on 01.01.2016.

			Thereafter, Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has forwarded a Note from MoSPI to adopt CPI-Urban in place of AICPI-Industrial Workers (AICPI-IW) for the calculations of DA. The matter has again been deliberated upon in DoE and with the approval of the Hon'ble Finance Minister it has been decided to continue with the existing system for calculation of DA as recommended by the 7 th CPC with AICPI(IW) 2001 series with 12 monthly Average Consumer Price Index as on
9		(iii)The CSO shall revise the base for CPI (U) every five years coinciding with the NSS quinquennial consumer expenditure survey, using the data of that survey.	O1.01.2016 as base index. The Central Statistics Office (CSO), has revised the Base Year of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from 2010=100 to 2012=100, based on the Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2011-12.
10	4.29	1. Provisional results in respect of key parameters for each quarter may be introduced as a new product of the NSSO from the 69 th NSS round onwards. In order to achieve this, a dedicated web portal may be created so that FOD may enter and submit summary data through the web portal to the DPD/SDRD for further processing and dissemination.	In the 68 th Round, summary block was introduced to generate provisional results but later on this summary block was dropped. As such provisional results are not being brought out after 68 th Round.
11		2. The methodology formulated by the 69 th Round Working Group was approved by the NSC.	Action completed.
12		3. The recommendations on organizing RTCs mentioned in para-4.10 may be followed in respect of the 69 th NSS Round by the NSSO and the States/ UTs.	The recommendation is being followed.
13		4. Action plan formulated by the NSS 69 th Round Working Group for the NSSO may be brought to the notice of the concerned Departments in the	DPD regularly interacts with the State DES officials in respect of state data processing and provides all kind of technical help to the

	States/ UTs at highest level and they be requested to activate their official machinery to cope up with the targets given thereof in respect of State samples to facilitate timely release of reports/ data by States/ UTs and pooling of central and state samples.	states in terms of providing all data processing instruments including software and training. In a letter addressed to the Planning Secretaries of States/ UTs, Secretary (S&PI) has also requested the concerned authority to undertake the work of generating district level estimates for various key indicators by pooling central and state level data of various NSS rounds. In the 22 nd COCSSO held on 13-14 November 2014 at Shimla, DPD flagged the issues on pooling of central and state sample data as one of the agenda points. A common action calendar w.r.t. state data processing involving all the stake holders was also proposed in the said agenda. Secretary (S&PI) took a special meeting with the officers of DES on 3 rd April 2014 during AITOT (72 nd round) at Amritsar where the officers of State DES were requested to complete the task of pooling for their respective State/UTs.
14	5. The methodology formulated by the 70 th NSS round Working Group was approved by the NSC.	Action completed.
15	6. The next ten-year cycle of NSSO would commence from the 72 nd round and the next quinquennial round on consumer expenditure and employment-unemployment would be taken up in the 74 th round. With regard to subject coverage in the next ten-year cycle of NSS, the NSSO may organize a Workshop to have wider consultation on the issue, particularly with academic experts and users outside the Government.	A brain storming session on NSSO matters was organised in October, 2014 at Kolkata to inter-alia discuss and make recommendations on the Ten Year Cycle. Subject coverage for NSS 74 th Round including next ten year cycle of surveys has been discussed by the NSC in its 73 rd , 74 th , 75 th and 91 st meetings held on 14 th -15 th January, 2015, 6 th -7 th April, 2015, 25 th -26 th May, 2015 and 27 th October, 2016 respectively. During these meetings, subjects to be covered during 74 th and 75 th Rounds were

			decided by ten-year cycle of
			surveys is yet to be finalized.
16		7. Population estimates may be prepared by the NSSO on the basis of the 68 th NSS round summary data, in order to assess the impact of improvisations attempted by the NSSO.	In NSS 68 th Round, data were collected from sample households on Consumer expenditure and on Employment-unemployment
17	4.29	8. With regard to pooling of Central and State samples of NSS, (a) the NSSO (DPD) may coordinate implementation of the recommendations of the NSC on pooling of data;	Radhakrishna have been communicated to the States. DPD prepared a manual on pooling of central and state data following
18		(b) the NSSO (DPD) may take up the exercise of pooling in respect of the two States of Orissa and Bihar, to begin with;	was also distributed to all the State DES. The manual has also been uploaded on the website of the Ministry. Pooled results of seven states of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Odisha based upon the consumer expenditure data of NSS 66th round have also been included in the manual along with unit level data of two states and relevant software for the benefit of the users. DPD took up the exercise of pooling of central and state sample data of Bihar and Odisha and shared the results with other states along with the pooling methodology and use of pooling software.
19		(c) using the experience gained on pooling of data of Orissa and Bihar, the DPD may organize Workshops to sensitize other States/ UTs in taking up the exercise;	DPD organised two central Workshops on pooling in January and August 2013 where apart from the theoretical aspects of pooling, software developed by DPD for poolability tests and pooling was

20		(d) the Workshops to sensitize States/ UTs may be organized separately for different groups of States/ UTs, the groups having been decided on the basis of extent of preparedness of the States/ UTs; and	also demonstrated. Hands-on training was also given to the participants. Subsequently, pooling workshop was merged with the regional GSDP Workshops of NAD where 2 days were devoted to the discussion/training on pooling. 4 such regional workshops were organised in 2014-2015. In addition to these workshops, DPD organised state-specific needbased training on pooling for a number of states.
21		(e) Progress achieved on ensuring effective State participation in NSS, may be reported to the NSC from time to time.	DPD seeks the progress/status of state data processing from the State DES from time to time. Such information is also updated when the State officials attend Tabulation Workshops organised by DPD.
22		9. The MOSPI may coordinate with the concerned Ministries and Organisations for implementation of the suggestions given in the note of the Chairperson, NSC referred at para-4.28.	The matter is being followed up.
23	5.21	The CSO (ESD) and the DGCI&S may implement expeditiously, the suggestions given in the report of Dr. Barman on IIP and trade data.	CSO has given specific

- establishments, with facility of in-built validation, compilation of data and generation of reports for the new series of IIP.
- 3. ESD (CSO) has already set up a Technical Committee for development of IIP webportal. The web-portal will be able to perform validation of data at data entry and processing stages and also automated generate **SMSs** for reminders/ data submission of bν manufacturers.
 - 4. The EDI data is resident in the main server of the ICES system located in Delhi. Because of data security concerns, Customs has not agreed to DGCI&S request to post a couple of DGCI&S officers in the Office of DG Systems. Since the SBs and BEs are filed on-line, neither do the individual ports have to the any access transaction level data generated at the port level nor do they have any direct access to the main server. As per the new system introduced, DGCIS receives Shift Manager's Report from Customs authority for EDI data on a daily basis. This report gives a summary of the port-wise data for the day. At DGCIS the same is reconciled with the detailed received from data ICEGATE to check for any deficiencies in coverage. The daily list published by the Customs is downloaded and compared with the data received in DGCI&S

- for locate any possible discrepancy. There were several instances where Customs had been requested to re-transmit the data as discrepancies had been noticed at the DGCI&S end.
- 5. A list of Non-EDI ports have provided to DG been (Systems) to consider their gradual conversion to EDI ports. At present 137 ports have been brought under EDI coverage. This covers almost 90% of the transactions in case of exports and 94% of the transactions in case of imports. DGCI&S has also taken up with a number of manual ports to provide data in the Non-EDI mode. A new module for reporting Non-EDI data has also been developed and implemented by the Customs. This will help in maintaining uniform format for reporting Non-EDI data.
- 6. The process of data reconciliation with some of the major trading partners has already been initiated. DGCI&S has also taken up with the Customs to provide import data by country of origin as well. This would help to estimate the volume of indirect trade.
- 7. DGCI&S is making concerted efforts to reduce the time lag in processing and availability of trade data. The Quick Estimated are released in 15 days, the Principal commodity level

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			data is now available in less
			than 30 days and the item
			level data within 60 days.
			8. As there is no such formal
			arrangement in place, it is
			proposed to take up with
			CBEC through the
			DGFT/DoC to have a
			permanent mechanism in
			place.
24		2. With regard to the IIP, the CSO may	The Working Group (WG) on IIP
		explore the possibility of providing	took a considered view on the
		monthly weights for seasonal items	broader perspective in the issue
		(for example, sugar) in the IIP and	and recommended that CSO
		they may flag the issue before the	should take recourse to coming
		Working Group on IIP.	out with de-seasonalised series on
			experimental basis using X-12
			ARIMA. However, the WG did not
			make specific recommendations
			pertaining to assigning monthly
			weights to seasonal items.
			CSO meanwhile has constituted a
			Technical Review Committee
			(TRC) on recommendation of the
			WG on IIP to continue as an
			expert advisory body relating to
			various aspects of compilation of
			IIP in new series. The matter was
			considered by the TRC in its first
			meeting and recommended that
			the RBI and CSO (ESD) will
			prepare a joint working paper for
			taking a call in this matter.
25	-	3. The Ministry of Micro, Small &	Thesurvey on unincorporated
		Medium Enterprises may submit	
		further inputs, on undertaking	NSSO has shifted the focus of
		sample surveys on MSME sector, to	Ministry of MSME to undertake the
		the NSC as mentioned at para-5.10.	work Census of MSME Sector. The
		and thee de mendoned de para 31101	process has been initiated in this
			regard. A Steering Committee for
			conduct of 5 th All India Census of
			MSME has been constituted and its
			third meeting held on 17.05.2016,
			it had been decided to discontinue
			the process of initiating the Fifth
			All India Census of MSMEs due to
			some unavoidable reasons.
			However, the data on MSMEs are
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26		4. With regard to the proposal of the Ministry of Labour and Employment on contract labour, the Ministry may take further action as mentioned at para-5.11 and place the report of the Working Group and the advice of the Nodal officer before the NSC for its consideration.	survey on Contract Labour to
27	5.21	5. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs may constitute a Group as mentioned at para-5.12 and place its report, as soon as received, before the NSC.	Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs

per its structure. Subsequently, NSSO, MoSPI, vide their letter dated 20.04.2015 requested MoTAto forward the recommendation of the High Level Committee, the position of the MoTA on conducting a survey of Situation Assessment Survey of **Tribes** data Scheduled and requirements of MoTA, the survey is to be covered in NSS 74th Round (July 2016-June 2017) for discussion in the next meeting of NSC. In response, it was informed that keeping in view the data requirement of MoTA, there is a need for conducting a Situation Assessment Survey of Scheduled Tribes having a comprehensive coverage. details The parameters required to be covered under the survey were also listed out. It was also requested that to the extent possible, data may be generated tribe-wise also. As the subject matters for NSS 75th, 76th and 77th Rounds have already been finalised, the final decision incorporating Situation Assessment Survey of Tribals in the Ten Year Cycle for the NSS Rounds is yet to be taken by NSC. 28 6. In order to improve communications The spokespersons have been with the public domain, orders may decided on behalf of the Ministry be issued by the MOSPI notifying Statistics and Programme ADG, CSO (NAD) and the DDG, NSSO Implementation as under. (CPD) as official spokespersons for 1. CSI (for MoSPI), the CSO and the NSSO respectively. 2. DG, CSO (for CSO), The DDG, NSC Secretariat may be **3.** DG&CEO,NSSO(for NSSO), notified as spokesperson in respect 4. DDG,CPD (for NSSO), of matters handled by the NSC. **5.** DDG, NSCS (for NSC), **6.** DDG,SSD (for SSD), **7.** DDG,NAD (for NAD) **8.** DDG,PSD (for PSD) **9.** DDG,ESD (for ESD)

29	7.	On the issue of divergence between PFCE and CES estimates, the CSO (NAD) may furnish an updated paper for consideration by the NSC and for placing it in public domain.	The updated paper was submitted to NSC along with the ATR on the 58 th to 62 nd meeting. The paper is a part of the Report of the Committee on PFCE which is available in the public domain.
30		The CSO may prepare a note on consumer price indices, indicating inter alia the methodological details, differences in approach and variations in inflation rates emanating from the indices duly bringing out the fitness for purpose and place it in the public domain.	A publication giving methodological and other details of compilation of CPI with base 2010=100 was placed on the website which, subsequent to the release of the revised series with base 2012=100, has been updated with the publication 'Consumer Price Index-Changes in the Revised Series' giving complete details of selection of markets, item classification, weighting diagrams, methodological and other improvements, incorporated in the base revision and their impact
31	9.	(a) anonymous feedback may be obtained from all the trainees about how the training imparted to them through NASA could be made more useful;	NASA started getting the anonymous feedback from all the participants of different training programmes organisedat NASA and by NASA in other organisations for refresher training programmes. Feedbacks received from participants are compiled and discussed with the senior officers of NASA. Accordingly, it is tried to improve concerned and relevant things to make the training programmes more useful.
32		(b) ISS officers who complete one year service after completion of probationary training may be asked to furnish their feedback on the utility, in their day to day work, of the training received by them and on suggestions for further improvement;	NSSTA is already taking feedbacks from the ISS Probationers after

33		(c) A designated officer of the NASA may collect feedback as suggested above and prepare consolidated reports for submission to the CSI.	The faculty of NASA is deputed to attend the valedictory sessions of those training programmes which are conducted outside NASA so that the feedback from participants as well as from faculty of institutions where the programmes are organised for inservice ISS officers and Probationers may be obtained. Moreover, the compiled feedbacks of these training programmes are submitted to Director General (CSO) for kind perusal and further necessary action.
34	5.21	10. The work of preparation and release of statistical manuals shall be completed in a time bound manner. The manuals may also be placed before the NSC, for review.	Being followed.
35	6.26	With regard to the implementation of the recommendations of the Rangarajan Commission, the course of action mentioned at para-6.7 has been endorsed by the NSC.	A Review Committee under the Chairmanship of ADG (CAP) is reviewing the progress of implementation of the recommendations of Rangarajan Commission. So far, the committee has held 8 meetings to review the status of all of 623 recommendations. So far, 478 recommendations have been implemented, 116 are pending and 17 recommendations are dropped/rejected. 12 recommendations have been referred to the NSC. The status of recommendations has also been discussed in the 88 th meeting of NSC held at Ahmedabad (Gujarat) in September 2016.
36		2. With regard to vacancies in key positions in the CSO and the NSSO, the NSC desired that expeditious action may be taken by the MOSPI to fill up the positions. Till such time, the MOSPI may make interim officiating arrangements in the key institutions.	Recently Cadre review had been done and issue had been addressed.

37	3. On the issue of providing access to the DGCI&S on the data of the CBEC, the MOSPI may take up with the Revenue Secretary to convene a meeting with the concerned Organisations to sort out the problem.	has agreed to provide required
38	4. All actions relating to conducting a pilot survey on estimation of savings and investment through a household survey may be completed in a time bound manner.	1. An Expert Group was constituted at the instance of National Statistical Commission (NSC) to work out the methodological details for a pilot survey on estimation of savings and investment of households. The pilot survey was recommended by the High level committee on Estimation of Savings and Investment under the Chairmanship of Dr. C. Rangarajan. Currently, Dr. S.L. Shetty is the Chairman of the Expert Group. The main task of Expert Group are: i. To work out the methodological details for the pilot study ii. To execute the study in the field iii. To get the data processed, and iv. To generate the estimates with relative standard errors. 2. Initially, the pilot survey was to be taken up in 2010-11 and the Expert Group was expected to submit its final consolidated report to the NSC by May 2011, however, due to unavoidable reasons, the tenure for the Expert Group

			the identified experts on Gender Statistics, Education Statistics and Health Statistics to NSC.As desired by NSC, these three theme papers were placed on MoSPI's website to invite comments/views of concerned Departments/Divisions.As desired by NSC, discussion papers on the theme paper on Health Statistics, Gender Statistics and Education Statistics have been presented
41	7.	In future, the revision of base shall be aligned, by the official agencies compiling national accounts and all consumer price indices, with the year for which quinquennial NSS round on consumer expenditure would be carried out. Following the same practice by agencies producing other indices, such as the WPI and IIP, is desirable. The MOSPI may accordingly notify guidelines to all the Central Ministries and States/UTs.	before NSC by SSD. The base Year for new series of IIP (i.e., 2011-12) has been chosen in keeping with the consideration that base year of National Accounts Statistics was chosen to coincide with 68 th Round of NSS quinquennial Consumer Expenditure survey pertaining to the year 2011-12. The base year of new series of WPI has also been chosen as 2011-12. The States/ UTs are also being advised and guided technically to revise the base year of their respective State level IIPs to 2011-12 in keeping with the revised base year of all India IIP.
42	8.	Recommendations given in the final report of the Vaidyanathan Committee may be implemented by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation in a time bound manner.	As per decisionon the recommendations of Prof.
43	9.	The Government of Karnataka may take steps to further improve the Karnataka Statistical System on the following lines. (a) Delineation of planning and	This has already been taken care in Karnataka

functions	
· · ·	Methodology for statistical auditing is being developed.
samples of NSS to obtain estimates at sub-state level In en	Using software supplied by the NSSO, Kolkata, NSS 66 th Round State and Central Sample Data have been pooled and district wise estimates of broad parameters like Monthly Per Capita Expenditure (MPCE) of food and non-food items, populations households, worker participation rate (WPR) and Labour Force Participation Rate have been estimated and published two reports viz., (i) Report on Pooling of Central and State Sample Data NSS 66 th Round, (Household Consumer Expenditure (Type-I and II) & Employment & Unemployment. (ii) Household Consumption of various Goods and Services in Karnataka—NSS 66 th Round (July 2009-June 2010) In this report, Region wise and item wise estimates of MPCE share have been given and district wise, Group/Sub-group wise estimates of MPCE share are also reported which is the basic information required for deriving the weighting diagram and item basket for CPI(U) and Rural district wise. Copies of these two reports have been sent to Director, NAD.

		68 th round of State level validation and data processing work have been completed. Pooling software is awaited from NSSO, Kolkata.
46	·	agency for all statistical activities in the state. At the State level, High Level Coordination