

Activities of NSSO

The National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO)

- carries out multi-subject integrated socio-economic surveys
- undertakes field work for the Annual Survey of Industries and follow-up surveys of Economic Census
- conducts sample checks on area enumeration and crop estimation surveys of State Statistical agencies
- prepares the urban frames useful in drawing of urban samples
- collects price data from rural and urban sectors and
- conducts ad-hoc surveys and pilot enquiries for methodological studies.

This organisation functions under the overall direction of a Steering Committee with requisite independence and autonomy in the matter of collection, processing and publication of NSS data. In addition to the non-official Chairman, the Steering Committee is composed of five non-official members (Statisticians/ Economists from Universities, Research Institutes and other private organizations) and eight official members from Central and State Government departments including senior officers of the Ministry.

The NSSO is headed by the Director General and Chief Executive Officer (DG&CEO) who is responsible for co-ordinating and supervising all activities of the organisation and is assisted by a small secretariat called Co-ordination and Publication Division (CPD). The three other Divisions of NSSO, Survey Design & Research Division (SDRD), Field Operations Division (FOD) and Data Processing Division (DPD) are headed by one Additional Director General each. The DG and CEO is also Member-Secretary of the Steering Committee.

The major activities of the NSSO pertain to Survey Design, Field Operations, Processing and tabulation of data collected and releasing of the results based on surveys.

The Survey Design and Research Division and Data Processing Division have its headquarters at Kolkata. The Field Operations Division has its headquarters at Delhi and Faridabad with a network of six Zonal offices, 48 Regional Offices and 117 Sub-Regional offices spread throughout the country. The Data Processing Division with its headquarters at Kolkata has Data Processing Centres at Delhi, Nagpur, Giridih, Bangalore, Ahmedabad and Kolkata.