

Action Taken Report on the recommendations (Concerning States) of 23rd COCSSO

Sr. No.	Recommendations	Action Taken/Comments
(5) Sustainable Development Goals		
5.2	<p>After the circulation of nationally accepted Goals and Targets by NITI Aayog, the statistics officers in Ministry/Departments are required to closely work with the respective programme officers in their Ministries/Departments to identify appropriate national indicators for each target along with source(s) of data, periodicity, disaggregation level and method of data collection.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[Action: Central Ministries]</p>	<p>The national indicators of SDGs are still under finalization. After finalization of the indicators, details will be shared.</p>
5.3	<p>Ministries while identifying indicators on SDGs should ensure relevancy of indicators with targets, feasibility with official data and estimation, measurability in terms of statistical measurement, accessibility and transparency. Data for monitoring the SDGs are to be produced through the Official Statistics Systems.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[Action: Central Ministries]</p>	
5.4	<p>In View of overlapping between the data for many goals and targets, there is a need for close coordination between ministries responsible for different targets. This will enable reduction in duplication and avoid generation of contradictory trends and results.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[Action: Central Ministries]</p>	

5.5	<p>Central Statistics Office and the State DESs to work together towards making available reliable and cross nationally comparable data on SDG indicators and in determining the priorities to strengthen their capacities towards bridging the data gaps.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[Action: CSO(SSD), States/UTs]</p>	<p>SSD has forwarded a list of proposed Global indicators and list of draft national indicators to State DES to guide them in formulation of indicators relevant to State and to help in producing reliable and cross nationally comparable data on SDG indicators. Issue of capacity development to bridge data gaps will be addressed after the finalization of indicators.</p>
5.6	<p>The state governments/state DESs have also to develop a monitoring mechanism of SDGs for the States and bring out state-wise progress reports.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[Action: States/UTs]</p>	<p>The indicators of SDGs are still under finalization. After finalization of the indicators, the States/UTs will develop the monitoring mechanism and bring out progress reports after finalization of indicators for SDGs.</p>
5.7	<p>CSO will organize dedicated consultation workshops with State DES to discuss the national indicator framework after clarity is achieved on goals and targets for the country.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[Action: CSO(SSD)]</p>	<p>A national Workshop on SDG indicators in New Delhi during 27-28 September 2016 was organised to discuss the indicators for monitoring SDGs. The Workshop was attended by State DES's, State Planning Departments and Central Ministries. This consultation process will continue.</p>
5.8	<p>State DESs have a major role to play in collecting data for monitoring the SDGs at the sub-national level. Hence, a Cell for SDGs may be set up in the DES for this purpose.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[Action: States/UTs]</p>	<p>The creation of a dedicated cell is under active consideration of all the States/UTs.</p>

(6) Research and Training in Official Statistics		
6.2.1	<p>The SOSU of ISI, in collaboration with MOSPI may undertake research in methodological issues towards improvement of official statistical procedures.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[Action: CSO(CAP), ISI]</p>	<p>SOSU, ISI, has identified following research activities to be undertaken in collaboration with CSO and NSSO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improvement in NSS survey methods 2. Analysis of unit level data from household surveys, methodological improvement in construction of indices such as price and production indices, poverty estimates and other development indices 3. Reconciliation of comparable statistics from different official sources. <p>On above, ISI has proposed to organize a one-day workshop of officers engaged in the actual operations, administration and management of official statistical systems (senior officials from CSO and NSSO) in ISI, Kolkata. MoSPI would be taking the views of concerned divisions shortly, and would proceed further.</p>
6.2.2	<p>States can also request ISI for similar collaborative methodological research in identified areas.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Action: States & UTs, ISI)</p>	<p>Initiatives are to be taken by States/UTs. But, So far, no State/UT except Himachal Pradesh, has identified the key areas of the Official Statistics where they require the help of ISI.</p>

6.3 Training		
6.3.1	<p>The expertise of the ISI can be utilized by NSSTA for more extensive training programmes for national & state level statistical personnel especially in advance statistical knowledge. States may also explore to utilize the expertise of ISI (SOSU) for training of their statistical manpower and formulating new surveys for 20 key indicators.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: NSSTA, ISI)</p>	<p>The NSSTA is mandated for capacity development for central as well as State Government officials who are working in the field of Official Statistics. NSSTA is organizing every year 5-7 training programmes for State Government officials subject to nominations received from State Governments. Training programmes are designed in such a way to cover all 20 core areas/indicators.</p>
6.3.2	<p>Refresher training programmes for ISS and State Statistical Officers in recent advances in statistics and their application in official statistics may be organised through ISI.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: NSSTA, ISI)</p>	<p>ISI is a key partner of NSSTA for conducting training programmes in the field of official statistics. 3 modules of probationary training of ISS are proposed at various centers of ISI during 2016-17.</p>
6.3.3	<p>The Post-2015 Development agenda require strengthening capacities of national and State-level statistical agencies. In this regard, the ISI can offer help for both distance learning and class room learning. ISI may explore the feasibility of issuing a certificate for the e-learning courses.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: States & UTs, CAP-CSO, ISI)</p>	<p>SOSU is already conducting training programs for ISS officers. A course in official statistics for state and central level capacity building is already under consideration by ISI's Academic Council. Moreover, ISI has an Applied and Official Statistics Unit in Tezpur as well. In that centre also, training programs in official statistics for officers of NE states are being contemplated. Therefore, ISI is already trying to strengthen official statistics related activities.</p> <p>The matter of developing e-learning courses and issuing certificates for the same will be taken up in the near future.</p>

(7) Support to State Statistical Strengthening (Sh. Dhar, DDG will take up this in a separate session.)		
7.2	Efforts should be made to release at least the first installment to all the participating States at the earliest. [Action: CAP (ISSP) – CSO]	Already funds have been released to 8 current States [apart from revalidation of Kerala] and 2 new States. The MoUs of several new States and remaining old states are in advanced stage of approval. For some of the States, MoUs have been signed and funds wouldbe released.
7.3	States may endeavor to complete their activities, both statistical and infrastructural activities as per the approved plan, utilize the 1st installment as early as possible so that 2 nd installment is released early in the next year. [Action: All States/UTs]	The Unit is taking up regularly with the current implementing States to speed up their implementation and forward the MPRs regularly. Based on the monitoring of the MPRs, States are asked to speed up those statistical activities where they are lagging behind. Reviews and JRM's are also being planned. Such a monitoring mechanism would be there for new States also.
7.4	States may forward their Monthly Progress Reports regularly so that assessment of their progress may be made and funds released without any delay and difficulty. (Action: All States/UTs)	
7.5	Hardcopies/softcopies of the reports/publications prepared by States may be sent to the MoSPI, so that they can be circulated among the participating States to make aware of the best practices, which can be emulated by the other states. [Action: All States/UTs, CAP(ISSP)-CSO]	The current implementing States are being requested to forward their reports of their statistical outcomes/publications of the completed statistical activities. This is an ongoing process and the concrete/relevant best practices received would be circulated to all participating States. In addition, the Unit is envisaging conducting of subject-wise workshops of the participating States, to facilitate guidance and exchange of best practices/ideas. Presentations by some states on their best practices will be held on the 2 nd day of the Conference.

(8) Implementation of Collection of Statistical Act		
8.2	States/UTs and Central Ministries/Departments may provide quarterly information/report on the working of the Act. [Action: All States/UTs/Central Ministries]	None of the States/UTs and Ministries/Departments of the Central Government has provided the Quarterly information on the working of the Act.
8.3	Nagaland, Daman & Diu and Andaman & Nicobar Islands have to re-designate the nodal officer of level of Deputy Secretary or above and issue a revised notification. [Action: Concerned States, CAP(CoSA)-CSO]	Nagaland and Andaman & Nicobar Island have designated Director (DES) as the nodal officer under the Rule 3(2) of the Collection of Statistics Rules. DES Daman & Diu has not taken any action in the matter.
8.4	Goa, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Sikkim, Kerala, Chhattisgarh and Nagaland may designate the nodal officer by post and not by name. They may issue a revised notification. [Action: Concerned States]	Two States Goa and Nagaland issued revised notification and designated nodal officer by post. Kerala has submitted the proposal to Government for posting nodal officer by post. Remaining States have noted the point.
8.5	States may not designate District Statistical Officers permanently as Statistical Officers. [Action: All States/UTs]	The States/UTs have noted the recommendation for compliance.
8.6	Office of Economic Adviser, DIPP, Ministry of Steel and Ministry of Road Transport & Highways may immediately send a copy of the notification along with duly filled in Form-1 once NOC is received. [Action: Concerned Ministries, CAP(CoSA)-CSO]	Ministry of Road Transport & Highways sent a copy of the notification along with duly filled in Form-1. DIPP and Ministry of Steel have not provided the requisite information.
8.7	All States/UTs, except Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Meghalaya and Uttarakhand may hold training/workshop of training of trainers, to provide training downwards (to DES officials, local government officials, etc.) [Action: All States/UTs]	So far, the States/UTs of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Haryana, Kerala, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Meghalaya and Uttarakhand have organized the workshop on CoS Act. The rest States/UTs are needed to take immediate actions in this regard.

(9) 13th Finance Commission		
9.2	<p>Local Bodies Accounts: Collection, tabulation and consolidation of data on receipts and payments from the local bodies and a report on local body analysis (Economic-cum-purpose classification) may be prepared for the years 2010-11 to 2012-13. The final report may be submitted to CSO and similar exercise may be continued for subsequent years.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[Action: All States/UTs]</p>	<p>The States of Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Meghalaya and Nagaland have reported completion of the work whereas in the remaining states/UTs, it is still under progress.</p>
9.3	<p>Farm Activities: For compiling the district level estimates, identification of 10 major crops in the district may be done and estimates of cultivated area, production and arrival prices (peak period, primary market) may be collected for these identified crops. These data may be collected from either the existing administrative records or through studies.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: All States/UTs)</p>	<p>Majority of the States such as Kerala, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Assam Rajasthan, Telangana, Tripura, Haryana, Nagaland, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh have completed the work. However, it is under progress in Goa, Uttarakhand and Puducherry.</p>
9.4	<p>Pooling Central and State Sample: Survey data of respective NSS rounds may be pooled by the States w.e.f. 66th Round onwards to use the same for generating district level estimates.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: All States/UTs)</p>	<p>The States of Gujarat, Kerala, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Nagaland, Sikkim, Assam, Odisha, Tripura have reported that required action are being taken by them.</p>
9.5	<p>Utilization of Funds: All attempts may be made by the States to utilize the entire grant by 31.03.2016 and achieve all the milestones. If the states are unable to fully utilize the grant by the prescribed period despite best efforts, they can request for funds from the grant from 14th Finance Commission.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action: All States/UTs)</p>	<p>Most of the States/UTs have utilised the funds. There are still some funds available with the States of Chhatisgarh, Gujarat, Delhi, Meghalaya and Goa where activities are under progress. The status of all states is given in the Annexure</p>

(10) Pooling of data and related issues/problem		
10.2	<p>State DES should constitute expert committee to validate the results of state sample and pooled results of Central and State sample data.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Action: All States/UTs)</p>	<p>The states of Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Nagaland have constituted the expert committee to validate the results of central and state sample data. However, the states of Kerala, Odisha, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, UT of Puducherry, Telangana, Tripura, Haryana, Sikkim, UT of D&NH, Meghalaya and Chhattisgarh have reported that the constitution of an expert committee is under active consideration.</p>
10.3	<p>State DES should follow the Central data layout in processing the state sample data using the software supplied by DPD, NSSO. [Action: All States/UTs]</p>	<p>All the States/UTs are following the central data layout and software provided by the DPD, NSSO for the data processing.</p>
10.4	<p>There should be regional workshop on pooling for focused training to group of states and address local technical problems faced by the states in pooling the data of Central and state sample.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[Action: NSSO]</p>	<p>NSSO (DPD) has been providing technical support to the State DES for the data processing of the State sample and pooling of Central and State sample data. In 2014-15 regional workshops were conducted on pooling of Central and State sample data. In future also need based training will be conducted by DPD.</p>

(11)Other Issues		
11.2	<p>All States/UTs should take steps to fill up vacant positions in DES and organize training courses in consultation with NSSTA.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Action: All States/UTs, NSSTA)</p>	<p>State governments are taking appropriate actions to fill up the vacancies in DES. So far as the training is concerned, on the request of the State Governments, NSSTA also conducts demand based training programme for State Government officials subject to the availability of NSSTA hostel. Proposal of Delhi Government is in active consideration.</p>
11.3	<p>The status of DES may be upgraded from Directorate to Department and headed by a Secretary level officer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[Action: All States]</p>	<p>The States of Kerala and J&K have already upgraded the status of DES. Other States are taking steps to upgrade the status of DES.</p>
11.4	<p>UT administration may send their proposals for upgradation and /or encadrement of the post of Director into ISS, if so required.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[All UTs, CAP-CSO]</p>	<p>The UT of Andaman & Nicobar has stated that the Post of Director of Economics & Statistics needs to be up-graded and separate proposal will be sent shortly. The UT of Lakshdweep has reported that it has not created the post of Director and the Deputy Director has been designated as Director for Administrative Convenience. The UT of D&NH has noted the recommendation.</p>