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# Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation

# [National Program for Improving Quality of Statistics in India]

# [ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)]

## January, 2020

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) will implement the National Programme for Improving the Quality of Statistics in India Project (the **Project**). The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development *(hereinafter the Bank)* has agreed to provide financing for the Project.

2. MOSPI will implement material measures and actions so that the Project is implemented in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (**ESSs**). This Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (**ESCP**) sets out material measures and actions, any specific documents or plans, as well as the timing for each of these.

3. MOSPI will also comply with the provisions of any other E&S documents required under the ESF and referred to in this ESCP, such as Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMP), and Stakeholder Engagement Plans (SEP), and the timelines specified in those E&S documents.

4. MOSPI is responsible for compliance with all requirements of the ESCP even when implementation of specific measures and actions is conducted by the Ministry, agency or unit referenced in (1) above.

5. Implementation of the material measures and actions set out in this ESCP will be monitored and reported to the Bank by MOSPI as required by the ESCP and the conditions of the legal agreement, and the Bank will monitor and assess progress and completion of the material measures and actions throughout implementation of the Project.

6. As agreed by the Bank and MOSPI, this ESCP may be revised from time to time during Project implementation, to reflect adaptive management of Project changes and unforeseen circumstances or in response to assessment of Project performance conducted under the ESCP itself. In such circumstances, MOSPI will agree to the changes with the Bank and will update the ESCP to reflect such changes. Agreement on changes to the ESCP will be documented through the exchange of letters signed between the Bank and MOSPI. MOSPI will promptly disclose the updated ESCP.

7. Where Project changes, unforeseen circumstances, or Project performance result in changes to the risks and impacts during Project implementation, MOSPI shall provide additional funds, if needed, to implement actions and measures to address such risks and impacts, which may include *environmental, health, and safety impacts, labor management, gender-based violence, etc*.

| MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS | | TIMEFRAME | RESPONSIBILE ENTITY/AUTHORITY |
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| **MONITORING AND REPORTING** | | | |
| A | **REGULAR REPORTING**<br><br>Prepare and submit to the Bank regular monitoring reports on the implementation of the ESCP, status of preparation and implementation of E&S documents required under the ESCP, stakeholder engagement activities, functioning of the grievance mechanism(s). | *Bi-annual (from the date of effectiveness) throughout the Project implementation* | *Project Management Unit (PMU) in MOSPI* |
| B | **INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS**<br><br>Promptly notify the Bank of any incident or accident related to the Project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers including, incidents or accidents suffered by officers and staff of MOSPI, its contractors, consultants, and agents while carrying out any work related to the project, complaints received from communities (especially women, tribal populations and other vulnerable sections of the population) in relation to survey or any other work carried out by MOSPI, its contractors, agents, consultants under the project. Provide sufficient detail regarding the incident or accident, indicating immediate measures taken or that are planned to be taken to address it, and any information provided by any contractor and supervising entity, as appropriate. Subsequently, as per the Bank's request, prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to prevent its recurrence. | *Notify the Bank within 48 hours of learning about the incident or accident.*<br><br>*A detailed report about the incident or accident and measures taken by MOSPI to prevent its recurrence should be provided within 20 working days after notifying the Bank about the incident / accident.*<br><br>*Bi-annual ESCP implementation reports submitted by MOSPI to the Bank will contain a section providing details of incidents or accidents and measures taken by MOSPI* | *PMU* |
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| **ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS** | | | |

| MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS | | TIMEFRAME | RESPONSIBILE ENTITY/AUTHORITY |
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| 1.1 | **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**<br><br>MOSPI will engage the services of a project management consulting firm to support the implementation of the project. The project management consultants will work under the directions and guidance of the Project Director and will have staff with requisite skills, competence, qualifications and experience to support the management of identified environmental and social risks of the Project. Given the limited E&S risks, no dedicated staff is required for the management of Safeguards. If and as required, the project management consultants may bring in additional specialists (viz. health and safety specialist, e-waste management specialist, labour management specialist) on engagement terms mutually agreed upon between MOSPI and the firm hired to provide project management support to the Project. | *Project management consultants will be hired within 30 days of project effectiveness*<br><br>*The project management consultants will be engaged initially for a period of 3 years with provisions to extend their support through the period of Project implementation dependent on their performance.*<br><br>*Alternately, if the performance of the project management consultants is not satisfactory, MOSPI will hire services of another project management consulting firms after seeking the Bank's approval for the same.* | PMU |
| **ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS** | | | |
| 2.1 | **LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES**<br><br>The Project does not envisage any construction activity. Therefore, LMPs related to workers' health and safety are not relevant. However, during the Project implementation, if any physical works or construction related activity is necessary, a specific LMP will be prepared and compliance with the same ensured.<br><br>The Project activities will require services of Consultants (individuals as well as firms) to augment MOSPI capacity and specialist skillsets. For this, the contracts for the consultants will require the contracted party to comply with all relevant national laws and regulations for Labour and health and safety. MOSPI will ensure that the contracted party or parties comply with these contractual commitments throughout their respective period of engagement. | *(Timeline can't be given here). If need arise, the undertaking to be obtained from the firm (before hiring) will include these required compliances.* | *PMU* |
| 2.2 | **GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS**<br><br>Establish, maintain, and operate a grievance mechanism for Project workers, as described in the LMP and consistent with ESS2. | *Within 90 days of Project effectiveness. Will be maintained throughout the Project implementation period* | *PMU* |

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| **ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT** [the relevance of ESS3 is established during the ESA process. ESS3 may require the adoption of specific measures to cover energy, water and raw materials use, management of air pollution, hazardous and nonhazardous wastes, chemicals and hazardous materials and pesticides. Depending on the project, these measures may be set out in an E&S document (e.g. ESMP) already mentioned in the section under ESS1 above or as a stand-alone document or a separate action. Indicate whether ESS3-related measures are covered under an existing document or as stand-alone actions. See examples below]. | | | |
| 3.1 | **E-WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN:**<br><br>Prepare, adopt, and implement an E-Waste Management Plan. | *MOSPI is currently following procedures as detailed under E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2016 (GSr No 338 E) MoSPI will re-emphasise the following provisions of the above-mentioned Rule for all the electrical or electronic equipments that will be procured under this Project:*<br>*1. All electrical or electronic equipment listed under schedules I to the E-waste notification 2016 which includes all information technology, telecommunication equipment (like computers, printers, laptops, telephones) and consumer electrical and electronics equipment shall ensure that e-waste generated by them is channelized through collection centers or dealer of authorized producers or dismantlers or recyclers or through designated take back services providers of producers*<br>*2. Shall maintain records of e-waste generated by them in form -2 attached to E-waste (Management) Rules 2016 and make such record available for scrutiny by State Pollution Control Board*<br>*3. Ensure that electrical and electronic equipment listed under schedule I of E-Waste (Management) Rules 2016 are not mixed with e-waste containing radioactive material as covered under provisions of atomic Energy Act 1962*<br>*4.*<br>*5. The e- waste shall not be stored for more than 180 days as per Rule 15 of E-Waste (Management) Rules 2016*<br>*6. Transportation of e-waste shall be carried out as per manifest system i.e. every office will prepare manifest as per form 6 attached to E-Waste (Management) Rules 2016 to this notification and issue three copies to transporters for tracking waste movement. { implemented throughout Project implementation in all offices of the project ].* | *PMU* |
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| **ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY** [the relevance of ESS4 is established during the ESA process. As with ESS3, ESS4 may require the adoption of specific measures that may be set out in an E&S document (e.g. ESMP) already mentioned in the section under ESS1 above or as a stand-alone document or a separate action. Indicate whether ESS4-related measures are covered under an existing document or as stand-alone actions. See examples below]. | | | |
| | Standard not relevant | | |
| **ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT** [the relevance of ESS5 is established during the ESA process. If during Project preparation, it is determined that resettlement documents need to be prepared, this should be reflected in the ESCP. See examples below] | | | |
| | Standard not relevant | | |
| **ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES** [the relevance of ESS6 is established during the ESA process. As with other ESSs, ESS6 may require the adoption of specific measures that may be set out in an E&S document (e.g. ESMP) already mentioned in the section under ESS1 above or as a stand-alone document or a separate action. Indicate whether ESS6-related measures are covered under an existing document or as stand-alone actions. See examples below]. | | | |
| | Standard not relevant | | |
| **ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES** [See examples of possible actions below, if determined that ESS7 is relevant]. | | | |
| | Standard not relevant | | |
| **ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE** [the relevance of ESS6 is established during the ESA process. As with other ESSs, ESS6 may require the adoption of specific measures that may be set out in an E&S document (e.g. ESMP) already mentioned in the section under ESS1 above or as a stand-alone document or a separate action. Indicate whether ESS8-related measures are covered under an existing document or as stand-alone actions. See examples below]. | | | |
| | Standard not relevant | | |
| **ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES** [This standard is only relevant for Projects involving Financial Intermediaries (FIs). See below a couple of examples of actions that should be considered when FIs are involved.] | | | |
| | Standard not relevant | | |
| **ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE** | | | |
| 10.1 | STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION<br><br>A draft SEP has been prepared and disclosed (provide URL).<br><br>The SEP will be reviewed on a bi annual basis and updated as necessary.<br><br>The updated SEP will be implemented throughout the Project implementation. | <br><br>*Within 90 days of Project effectiveness.*<br><br>*Bi-annually from the date of Project effectiveness*<br><br>*Through the Project implementation* | MOSPI<br><br>PMU<br><br>PMU |
| 10.2 | PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM:<br>The project grievance mechanism is described in the draft SEP and disclosed | *Within 90 days of Project effectiveness.* | |

| **CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)** | | | |
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| CS1 | Training may be required for PMU staff and Project Management Consultants on:<br>• The World Bank's Environmental and Social Framework<br>• Specific aspects of environmental and social assessment as may be identified from time to time through the project implementation | Within 6 months from project effectiveness<br><br>As identified from time to time through the project implementation period | PMC and World Bank Task Team |