

Record of discussion of 28th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organisations (CoCSSO) held during 12th-13th August, 2024 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath, New Delhi

Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) organized the 28th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (CoCSSO) during 12th-13th August, 2024 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath, New Delhi. The Conference was attended by representatives of more than 30 Central Ministries/ Departments, around 29 State/UT Governments, Organizations/ Institutions such as Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry (PHDCCI), International organisations such as World Bank, UN agencies and other stakeholders.

2. Rao Inderjit Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation; Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Planning and Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture, inaugurated the Conference on 12th August, 2024. In his inaugural address, he highlighted the importance of the conference in the federal set up as it brings together all concerned stakeholders of national statistical system at a forum for discussion as to how the system can be taken forward for improving the quality, timeliness and relevance of data in the process of governance.

3. The Conference provides an institutional platform for discussion and improved coordination between the Central and State Statistical organizations for enhancing the efficiency of the Indian Statistical System in a collaborative approach. The theme of discussion of the conference "Use of Data for Decision Making: Strengthening State Statistical Systems," was aimed at facilitating exchange of ideas, best practices, discussion on issues of common interest and the way forward.

4. During the conference, discussions were held on a wide range of subjects of common interest between Central Government and State/UT Governments such as Agriculture and Livestock, Sustainable Development Goals, Sample Surveys, National & Regional Accounts, Support for Statistical Strengthening of States and its proposed revamp, Internal Quality Assessment Framework, Consumer Price Index, Index of Industrial Production, Social Statistics, Capacity Building, Economic Census & Enterprise Surveys, Environment Statistics, IT initiatives, Data & Meta Data Standards, Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme, New initiatives in Infrastructure & Project Monitoring, data dissemination etc. Major suggestions/recommendations emerged during the 28th CoCSSO are placed at **Annexure**.

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S.No.	Suggestions/Recommendations	Nodal Division(s) in MoSPI to examine and act on suggestions/recommendations with the stakeholder(s)	Other Stakeholder(s) for action
Plenary session I (12.08.2024)			
1.	Alignment of GSDP (Gross State Domestic Product) and GDP with national trend for decision makers.	National Accounts Division (NAD)	States/UTs
2.	Given proliferation of smart phones and various technologies, there is a need to gather macro-economic data at short and higher frequencies, at both national and state levels.	National Accounts Division (NAD), Price Statistics Division (PSD), Economic Statistics Division (ESD)	D/o Telecommunication Telecom Regulatory Authority of India States/UTs
3.	A dedicated Economic Census unit will be constituted at DES to co-ordinate all the activities related to Economic Census. The same will be funded by Central Govt.	Economic Statistics Division (ESD)	States/UTs
4.	The State/UTs will be encouraged to utilize the existing regular govt officials for conducting the enumeration of EC 2025-26. The hiring/engagement of manpower should be explored only in case of non-availability of the same.		
5.	The State/UTs will come-up with the proposed number of Enumerators/Supervisors based on the volume and density of the economic activities in their States/UTs.		
6.	Improved and changed methodology of Female Periodic Labour Force Participation rates, by interaction with colleagues from International Labour Organisation.	Coordination and Quality Control Division (C&QCD), NSSO	M/o Labour and Empowerment

Breakout Session –I (Agriculture and Livestock) (12.08.2024)- Nodal Division- NSSO, FOD			
7.	Considering growth of horticulture crops, there is a need for covering horticulture crops particularly fruits under cost of cultivation scheme.	Agriculture Statistical Wing, FOD, NSSO	M/o Agriculture & Farmers Welfare States/UTs
8.	The difference in Minimum Support Prices (MSP) prices recommended by Commission for Agricultural Cost and Prices (CACP) and market prices needs to be studied.		
9.	States/UTs governments need to adopt digital crop survey so that there is minimum difference in production estimates of Centre and States/UTs.		
10.	State Agricultural Statistics Authorities (SASAs) needs to work in close coordination with the respective State Agriculture Department.		
11.	Extension of crop cutting experiments for tomato, onion and potato to additional States.		
12.	Enhanced training for field staff, stricter supervision of data collection activities, and the adoption of technology to minimize human errors.	National Statistical Systems Training Academy (NSSTA)	States/UTs
Breakout Session – II- Best Practices on SDG Monitoring (12.08.2024)- Nodal Division- SSD			
13.	Localization of SDG through Panchayati Raj institutions was initiated in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj with the support of MoSPI.	Social Statistics Division (SSD)	M/o Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India
Breakout Session – III - Discussion on National Sample Surveys (NSS)- (12.08.2024) Nodal Division-SCD			
14.	Discussion were held to bring out pooled estimate from different round-based surveys in a timely manner. Both MoSPI and State DESs to work hand in hand towards this objective of releasing timely results.	Coordination and Quality Control Division (C&QCD), NSSO	States/UTs
15.	States were encouraged to develop their own digital platform (e.g., CAPI, cloud servers) by sharing all specification, configuration etc. States/UTs needs to		

	equip digitally for participation. Once all the pre-requisites are met, CAPI may be shared. Further, it was also decided that sharing of online CAPI software will be on case to case basis as per requirement of the respective States.		
16.	Financial support will be explored for State participation, if required through State Statistical System Strengthening Scheme.	State Unit	States/UTs
Breakout Session – IV- National and Regional Accounts-(12.08.2024)- Nodal Division- National Accounts Division (NAD)			
17.	State DES to make efforts for compiling expenditure side aggregates (private final consumption expenditure and gross capital formation) which are indicators for demand and potential for production in the state economy.	National Accounts Division (NAD)	States/UTs
18.	The expenditure side of the Sub-National Accounts covering indicators like Private Final Consumption Expenditure (PFCE), Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GFCE) and Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF); which are critical from the policy formulation viewpoint, need to be focused and making it a regular part of Sub-National Accounts. Guidelines already provided in the report of the Committee on Sub-National Accounts (2019).		
19.	Need for studies for rates /ratios used in PFCE (inter industry consumption, capital formation, government consumption etc.)		
20.	Exercise to construct appropriate price indices like WPI to be used as deflator may be undertaken		
21.	To explore use of GST data for estimation of PFCE as well as inter-state trade.		D/o Revenue, M/o Finance
22.	States/UTs to take initiative and compile District Domestic Product (DDP)		States/UTs

23.	States/UTs to augment the statistical infrastructure required to establish robust data collection mechanism (administrative data as well as state - specific surveys) required for bottom-up compilation of State GDP and DDP.		States/UTs
24.	State DES to work on enlarging the ambit of analysis of State Government Budget (which forms part of General Government's contribution to state economy) by detailed analysis of rural & urban local bodies and state autonomous bodies		States/UTs
25.	State/UT to prepare frame of local bodies, compile the current and capital receipts as well as expenditure in schedules developed by NAD and Prepare accounts based on economic-cum-purpose classification of National Accounts		States/UTs
26.	State/UT to prepare frame of autonomous bodies, classify these institutes into respective industries based on their economic activity, analyse Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet based on economic-cum-purpose classification of National Accounts and consolidate information of all the autonomous bodies analysed		States/UTs
27.	States/UTs to explore use of Rural Local Bodies (RLBs) data collected from eGramSwaraj (Cash-book digitalised) & MGNREGA data collected from MGNREGA's website for compiling rural local bodies accounts.		States/UTs M/o Rural Development
28.	M/o Panchayati Raj which is nodal agency and custodian of eGramSwaraj may provide functionality of downloading of annual data (along with than currently available monthly		M/o Panchayati Raj States/UTs

	data) and provide these reports in excel rather than pdf.		
29.	DES Uttar Pradesh has initiated several surveys on pilot basis in 4 districts to attempt estimation of DDP using bottom-up approach. Such surveys and studies need to be undertaken by States/UTs as data requirements for bottom-up approach of compiling DDP are huge.		States/UTs
30.	Estimation of DDP- Use of appropriate and best available indices/indicators for allocating the GVA of the sub sector to the districts.		States/UTs
Breakout session V (Revamping of Support for Statistical Strengthening Scheme and Best practices of States) (12.08.2024)			
31.	While devising the revamped scheme, the MoSPI may give due consideration to the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission related to Sectoral grants for Statistics.	State Unit	D/o Economic Affairs, D/o Expenditure,M/o Finance
32.	Best practices of States/UTs may be collated and disseminated to other States/UTs for the purpose of replicating the same.		States/UTs
33.	Since various States/UTs have undertaken varied capacity building and training programmes, the same may be considered for suitable incorporation to the iGot platform.	NSSTA, MoSPI	Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions States/ UTs
34.	States / UTs may submit annual action plan for remaining part of this year and next financial year.	State Unit	States/UTs
35.	Ministry to continue stakeholder consultations with States/UTs for efficient designing of revamped SSS scheme.		
36.	Revamped Scheme for States / UTs may come into effect from 1st April, 2026.		
37.	While organizing the Joint/ Regional Review Meetings, the States/UTs may also share their success stories as well		

	as the difficulties they faced while carrying out statistical activities so that others may learn from their experience.		
38.	States / UTs may also conduct studies on emerging areas important to policy makers.		
Breakout Session VI -(Panel discussion on “Importance of CPI and IIP data in decision making”)- (13.08.2024)			
39.	Consumer Price Index(CPI) manual is used for developing CPI for each country including India. The same is updated every five years by a Technical Expert Group by International Monetary Fund in consultation with stakeholders. In this regard efforts may be made to adequately place the issues and problems faced by the developing nations to address the issue in compilation of CPI at appropriate forum.	Price Statistics Division	M/o External Affairs
40.	Paper based data collection may be replaced with tablet / mobile based digital instruments for speedy and quality data collection and processing.	Coordination & Quality Control Division (C&QCD), NSSO	Price Statistics Division Economic Statistics Division, MoSPI and Labour Bureau, M/o Labour and Employment, DPIIT, M/o Commerce and Industry and other concerned ministries
41.	Dissemination of more granular data is required for IIP and CPI to gain a more detailed understanding about the impulses for policy decisions.	Economic Statistics Division in respect of IIP and Price Statistics Division for CPI	Labour Bureau, M/o Labour and Employment, DPIIT, M/o Commerce and Industry and other concerned ministries
42.	The scope of IIP should be broadened by including new industries which is adding in the economy due to emerging sectors.	Economic Statistics Division	DPIIT, M/o Commerce and Industry and other concerned ministries
43.	There is a divergence in the CPI for states, produced by MOSPI and the CPI produced by the concerned states. This issue needs to be addressed to avoid confusions among the users.	Price Statistics Division	States/UTs

44.	Base of both IIP and CPI needs to be revised more frequently to capture the information more accurately.	Economic Statistics Division in respect of IIP and Price Statistics Division for CPI	Labour Bureau, M/o Labour and Employment, DPIIT, M/o Commerce and Industry and other concerned ministries
45.	The possibility of constructing Producers Price Index (PPI) for both Input and Output method to study the economy more holistically may be explored.	Price Statistics Division for Price index and NAD for Input Output method	DPIIT, M/o Commerce and Industry and other concerned ministries
Breakout Session VII (Social Sector Statistics)(13.08.2024)			
46.	The necessity for a robust statistical mechanism and more datasets to track women-led development.	Social Statistics Division	M/o Women and Child Development
47.	A comprehensive integration of eShram portal with other portals will facilitate one-stop solution	Computer Centre	M/o Labour & Employment (MoLE)
Break Out Session VIII Capacity Building and Statistical Classification (13.08.2024)			
48.	Training content related to statistical literacy to be developed and uploaded on iGOT platform.	National Statistical Systems Training Academy (NSSTA)	Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions
49.	Training curriculum to be reviewed for capacity building of general public.		Capacity Building Commission
50.	Training for Trainers for other Ministries/ State DES to be organized by NSSTA.		Ministries/Departments/ States/ UTs
51.	Potential collaboration with stakeholders including State training institutes and other institutes to be explored.		Premier Training Institutes States/ UTs
52.	In compilation of indices more items may be identified and weighing diagram can be updated keeping in view the national/international classification.		Economic Statistics Division for IIP & Price Statistics Division for CPI
Break Out Session IX-Economic Census and Enterprise Surveys of NSS (13.08.2024)			
53.	All State/UTs to provide their inputs/specific suggestions on honorarium / remuneration for manpower to be engaged for the conduct of Economic Census at the earliest.	Economic Statistics Division	States/ UTs

54.	All the enumerators should be State level officials. Hiring of people may be explored only in case of non-availability of the same and as per requirement. State/UTs to come up with their consolidated proposal in this regard to MoSPI.		
55.	All the supervisors ought to be from State govt. officials only.		
56.	MoSPI will come up with the final numbers of Enumeration Blocks (EBs) at Pan-India level and the same will be communicated to all the State/UTs in due course of time.		
57.	In order to have a quality data collection exercise for the filed work of next Economic census, training manual for capacity building of filed functionaries (enumerators and supervisors) may be prepared by MoSPI.		
58.	To explore the ways as to how willing States/UTs may be encouraged to participate in Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE) for generating district level estimates.	CQCD, NSSO	
59.	DPD, IS Wing, NSSO is already providing assistance in the form of state sample, data-entry software, validation software, pooling software to the State DESs which can be used by the State DESs to follow the complete ecosystem of ASI and generate results. However, possibilities of providing CAPI based software for compilation of ASI return may also be explored.	Enterprise Survey Division, NSSO	
60.	State/UTs may request concerned FOD offices for joint inspection.	FOD(HQ) , NSSO	
61.	State/UTs to provide necessary input for updating of ASI frame to concerned State Capital ROs of FOD in a time bound manner so that the same may be incorporated in the latest ASI frame.	FOD(HQ) , NSSO	

62.	State DESs may be facilitated by providing unique id of the existing units which are available as registration number in the CIF.	Enterprise Survey Division, NSSO	
63.	Existing units identified by State DESs which are not present in ASI frame may be forwarded to concerned RO offices of FOD so that immediate action may be taken by NSSO to include them in the ASI frame after due verification within stipulated time.	Enterprise Survey Division, NSSO	
Breakout Session X- Environment Statistics & Accounting-(13.08.2024)			
64.	In line with the Inter-Ministerial Group at the center level, states have been requested to constitute Inter Department Group (IDG)/ Committee for better coordination and data flow among line Departments, which is a crucial step towards compilation of environment accounting at state level. All States/UTs which have not yet constituted IDGs may get it expedited.	Social Statistics Division	States/ UTs M/o Environment, Forest and Climate Change
65.	States are source for various environment related data, therefore, attempt may be made for compilation of Environment Statistics and Accounts at sub-national level.		
66.	There is a need for having capacity building both at the central level as well as at the sub-national level.		
67.	Currently Ministry of Jal Shakti has started the preparatory activities for Minor Irrigation census, water bodies census, major and medium irrigation projects, census of springs for reference period 2023-24. The data for the same may be explored for the compilation of the SEEA Water accounts.		States/ UTs M/o Jal Shakti M/o Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Breakout Session XI- Data Dissemination Practices Across Government of India			

68.	Data should ideally be stored in a database and its dissemination, as per best identified global practices. It should be web-based, interactive and based on a database.	Computer Centre	States/ UTs
69.	It was reiterated through the presentations during the sessions that any disseminated data must be accompanied by metadata as per internationally accepted norms, to provide transparency and enhance interoperability of data. Future endeavours should be such that the released dataset must also indicate the components of National Metadata Structure (NMDS) as a part of the metadata.	PIMD	Ministries/ Departments/ States/UTs
Plenary Session-II-Emerging Advancements and Data Strategies for Viksit Bharat”			
70.	The roadmap may be formulated referring to the Global efforts in modernizing statistical systems through investment in technology/data infrastructure and big data.	International Cooperation Unit	M/o External Affairs and other concerned Ministries/ Departments
71.	Emerging technologies including AI-ML based technology can be explored for application in the following areas: a. Smart predictive analytics (like possible outbreaks of infectious diseases), b. Improved diagnosis and population health, survival prediction, better patient care and personalization c. Study behavioural alteration to manage life style diseases, d. Hospital management - staff scheduling, supply chain & inventory management, resource allocation, medical records management etc. e. Health insurance & costs - credit underwriting, risk assessment, claims to process and customer support, early fraud detection etc. f. Patient management- Electronic Health Records, Appointment	Computer Centre	M/o Health and Family Welfare

	<p>scheduling, personalized nursing assistance, automated discharge etc.</p> <p>However, while leveraging AI in healthcare, it's essential to address concerns around trust, privacy, transparency, accountability, and ethics to ensure responsible and effective solutions.</p>		
72.	To prepare and circulate the IQAF Manual for creating awareness and sensitization in Statistical Agencies at Central Ministries/UTs and is expected to be a valuable guide across various stakeholders of National Statistical System.	State Unit	Ministries/Departments /States/ UTs
73.	Further, two central ministries and, two states/UTs may be identified for conducting pilot self-assessment of their statistical products.		
74.	Integration of DPIIT/DEA's IIG-PMG portal with MoSPI's OCMS portal following the principle of one data, one entry.	Infrastructure and Project Monitoring Division	DPIIT, M/o Commerce and Industry , D/o Economic Affairs
75.	Formulation of a manual standardizing the key metrics of Project Monitoring for circulation across all stakeholders.		Concerned Central Ministries/Departments and other stakeholders
76.	Modification of periodic reports – to make it non-ambiguous, precise & informative		
77.	Introduce quarterly apex level monitoring of Project Implementation.		
78.	Periodic Training programmes for capacity building of stakeholders.	Infrastructure and Project Monitoring Division	
Valedictory session (13.08.2024)			
79.	The need to integrate diverse databases and effective use of administrative data at Centre and state level	PIMD	Concerned Central Ministries/Departments and States/UTs
80.	The need to bridge the data gaps through surveys and administrative data,	PIMD	

81.	<p>Better collaboration - both between Centre and states and between MoSPI and other central ministries- in terms of</p> <p>(a) leveraging manpower available at centre and state level effectively in surveys, questionnaires being used in surveys</p> <p>(b) capacity building,</p> <p>(c) use of technology and strengthening basic IT infrastructure, access to portal designed for data analytics and</p> <p>(d) strengthening State Indicator Framework and District Level Indicator Framework for monitoring Sustainable Development Goals in line with the National Indicator Framework.</p>	<p>(a) CQCD (b) NSSTA (c) Computer Centre (d) SSD</p>	<p>Central Ministries/ Departments and States/UTs</p>
82.	<p>Need to compile macroeconomic aggregates like robust GSDP estimates, District Domestic Products (DDP), state level Consumer Price Index etc.</p>	<p>NAD for National Accounts, PSD for Consumer Price Index</p>	<p>States/ UTs</p>
83.	<p>The need to leverage Social Registries developed by different states like Kudumsree in Karnataka, Samagra in Madhya Pradesh, Janaadhaar in Rajasthan, privaarpahchan Patra in Haryana, Krishak data portal in Odisha and similar platform developed by Ministry of Labour, viz., e- shram portal to ensure targeted interventions.</p>	<p>State Unit</p>	<p>States/ UTs</p> <p>M/o Labour and Employment and concerned Central Ministries/Departments</p>
84.	<p>Use of Economic Census for developing Business Registers</p>	<p>ESD</p>	<p>M/o Corporate Affairs, NITI Aayog and States/ UTs</p>
85.	<p>The need for coordination between Regional Offices of NSSO and DESs for resolving outstanding issues and Regional Offices of FoD to serve as ambassadors of MoSPI.</p>	<p>FOD (HQ)</p>	<p>States/ UTs</p>

86.	India's membership to UN for the period of 2024 to 2027 to be explored to showcase improvements made in data collected, methods employed and products released, reflecting our aspiration to become global leader in the field of official statistics.	International Cooperation Unit, CICD	M/o External Affairs
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