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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Steering Committee on 7th Economic Census held under Secretary (S&PI)

The undersigned is directed to refer to the 1st meeting of Steering Committee on 7th Economic Census held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, M/o Statistics and PI on 3rd January 2019 at Conference Hall, Ground Floor, Sardar Patel Bhawan and to forward herewith the minutes of the meeting as approved by the Chairman.

Enclosure: As above


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To

Members of Steering Committee and participants of 1st meeting

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3. PA to ADG (ESD), CSO, New Delhi
4. PA to DDG (ESD), CSO, New Delhi

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The 1st meeting of the Steering Committee on 7th Economic Census was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Statistician of India (CSI)-cum-Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on 3rd January 2019 at Conference Hall, Ground Floor, Sardar Patel Bhawan. The list of participants attended the meeting is at Annex.

2. At the outset, Additional DG (ESD), CSO and Member Secretary to the Steering Committee welcomed the chairman and members of the Committee. She outlined the new initiatives being implemented in the 7th Economic Census including innovative usage of IT, outsourcing of manpower to reduce timelines, etc. Subsequently, Secretary (S&PI) highlighted the need for synergizing the various databases available with the Ministries/ Departments as well as State/ UTs which will lead to development of a dynamic National Business Register. The 7th EC will geo-reference all establishments which will aid in developing a list frame of all physically verified establishments engaged in economic activity mapped to the lowest geographic level. He emphasized on the need for leveraging the strengths of an organization such as the CSC e-Governance Services India Limited in exercises as large as the Economic Census. He also informed the members that MoSPI has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with CSC as a strategic partner for conduct of Economic Census.

3. Subsequently DDG (ESD) made a presentation covering the Background of Economic Census; 6th Economic Census (2013); Objectives and need for 7th Economic Census; Proposed model of 7th Economic Census; Timelines and activities; Media plan and publicity campaign and challenges envisaged. Thereafter representative of CSC made a detailed presentation covering the footprint and network of CSCs, their strengths, proposed IT solution and implementation framework in respect of conduct of 7th EC through Common Services Centres.

4. Dr. Dinesh Tyagi, CEO, CSC e-Governance Services India Limited intimated about the Digitize India Platform (DIP) being operated under a crowd-sourcing model which can be adopted for the record digitization of Ministries/ Departments as well as State/ UTs. He emphasized that the strength of CSCs is at rural level since they are panchayat centric and thus there exist vulnerabilities in so far as their network presence in urban areas are concerned. He requested that the Scope of Work and the required documents for the IT solution for 7th EC be finalized in consultation with CSC urgently so that security audit and hosting can be expedited.

5. Representative of Ministry of Corporate Affairs emphasized the need for developing a mechanism to link the headquarters with branches of the different establishments. Further he stressed on the need to focus on strategy to deal with households/ establishments without fixed structure and/ or physical address. It was informed that due care is being taken to deal with such issues in 7th EC. Further a mechanism is being worked out in consultation with stakeholders to concurrently release results at local levels soon after completion of fieldwork without waiting for aggregation of results at broader levels. Ministry of Corporate Affairs was requested to explore the possibility of engaging their field offices for the supervision and monitoring work of 7th EC. They were also requested to expedite inclusion of employment data in their annual corporate filings.

6. Representative of M/o Labour and Employment expressed concerns about urban presence of the CSCs. He also informed that they are in the process of writing to the State Labour Commissioners to provide support and manpower to MoSPI for supervision and monitoring of 7th EC.

7. National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) was requested to facilitate MoSPI in developing the assessment and validation protocols to be put in place for ensuring quality of investigators and data in 7th EC. They were also requested to provide inputs on developing effective training modules for enumerators and supervisors of 7th EC. It was decided that NCAER may be invited to attend all the meetings of Steering Committee and Expert Group on 7th EC.

8. Additional DG, FOD (NSSO) indicated that there is a need to invite ADG (CPD) and ADG (SDRD) to the meetings of the Steering Committee while all the four ADGs of NSSO may be invited for the Expert Group meetings. CSC was requested to prepare a calendar of activities so that NSSO (FOD) is able to act accordingly on estimating and panning out their workload.

9. After the above detailed discussions, the following recommendations / decisions were made:

- i. CSO would circulate the draft schedule to the Steering Committee members at the earliest seeking their comments/ views/ suggestions.
- ii. Technical issues including the schedule, instruction manual, modalities of on-boarding and testing of proficiency of enumerators are to be finalized in a meeting of the Expert Group of 7th EC, to be convened at the earliest.
- iii. The schedule and instruction manual are to be finalized well before the National Training workshop of CSC scheduled to be held on 17th January 2019.
- iv. The timelines as proposed in the agenda of the meeting are to be adhered.

- v. Monthly meetings of the Steering Committee and Expert Group till the launch and roll out of the data collection of 7th EC.
 - vi. ADG (CPD) and ADG (SDRD) are to be invited to the meetings of the Steering Committee while all the four ADGs of NSSO may be invited for the Expert Group meetings.
 - vii. ADG (PSD) is to be invited for all the meetings of the Steering Committee and Expert group.
10. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Annexure

**List of participants in the Steering Committee Meeting on 7th Economic Census held on
03.01.19 at New Delhi**

| S No | Name | Designation | Organisation |
|------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. | Shri Pravin Srivastava | Secretary | MoS&PI |
| 2. | Shri Jyotirmoy Poddar | Director General (ES) | CSO |
| 3. | Shri Rakesh Kumar | Additional DG | NSSO(FOD) |
| 4. | Shri Sunil Jain | Additional DG | PSD, CSO |
| 5. | Ms. G.S. Lakshmi | Additional DG | ESD, CSO |
| 6. | Shri K. Syama Prasad | Additional DG (Media & Comm.) | PIB |
| 7. | Shri A.K. Mishra | DDG | NSSO (FOD) |
| 8. | Dr. Mohan Chutani | Economic Advisor | MCA |
| 9. | Shri N.K. Santoshi | DDG | MOLE |
| 10. | Ms. Geeta Singh Rathore | DDG | MCA |
| 11. | Shri Pankaj Srivastava | DDG | ESD, CSO |
| 12. | Shri Vishwajeet Kumar | Director | IFD, MoS&PI |
| 13. | Shri Chandrajit Chatterjee | Deputy Director | ESD, CSO |
| 14. | Shri Deepak Kumar | Deputy Director | ESD, CSO |
| 15. | Shri D.K. Tyagi | Chief Executive Officer | CSC |
| 16. | Shri Atul Mohan | Asst. Vice President | CSC |
| 17. | Shri Satya Prakash | Adviser | CSC |
| 18. | Shri Sandeep Kumar | Technical Head | CSC |
| 19. | Ms. Poonam Munjal | Senior Fellow | NCAER |
| 20. | Shri Samarth Gupta | Associate Fellow | NCAER |
| 21. | Shri Saurabh Bansal | Junior Statistical Officer (ESD) | CSO |
| 22. | Shri Aditya Singh Hada | Junior Statistical Officer (ESD) | CSO |
| 23. | Shri Jatin Vidhan | Senior Consultant | KPMG |
| 24. | Shri Deepak Bansal | Consultant | KPMG |

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