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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the Consultation meeting with central Ministries/ Departments on 7<sup>th</sup> Economic Census held under Secretary (S&PI) on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018

The undersigned is directed to refer to the consultation meeting with central Ministries/ Departments on 7<sup>th</sup> Economic Census held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, M/o Statistics and PI on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Conference Room, 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

1. All participants of the meeting

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A consultation meeting was held with representatives of Central Ministries/Departments under the chairmanship of Secretary, MoS&PI on 29.10.2018 at 2:30 PM at Sardar Patel Bhawan, New Delhi. List of participants attended the meeting is at annex.

2. At the outset, Chairman welcomed the members and informed that the Economic Census (EC) is a complete count of all establishments engaged in economic activities. It is a elaborate exercise carried out across the country and provides information on employment and other economic characteristics for formal and informal sectors of the non-farm economy. He also stated that the earlier censuses conducted in collaboration with the State/ UT Governments had its own challenges wherein manpower across all the State/ UTs could not be mobilized at the same time resulting in stretching of field work. In the 7<sup>th</sup> EC, MoS&PI envisages to leverage Information Technology to reduce manual intervention, increase data accuracy and speed up generation of results. The MoS&PI also plans to authorize local administrative agencies to release the results concurrently without waiting for aggregation of data at state and central levels.

3. Further as M/o MSME has decided not to conduct the MSME census, the EC will perhaps be the only source of data for MSME sector every 3 years. Keeping this in view, Secretary, MoS&PI emphasized the need of collaboration with Central Ministries/ Departments and State/ UT Governments including providing access to their respective field formations for effective monitoring and supervision of field work. To reduce the workload, MoS&PI has decided to develop a de-duplicated integrated database of all establishments registered with GSTN, M/o Corporate Affairs, EPFO, ESIC, CBDT, MSME, etc. so that details of these establishments which are already available in some database need not be re-entered. It was mentioned that a dynamic Business Register can provide feedback to concerned stakeholders/ registering authorities on economic parameters and physically verify establishments. He also invited the representatives of Ministries/ Departments/ Organisations to the national consultation workshop to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November in New Delhi where the representatives of State/ UTs have been invited.

4. Thereafter, Deputy Director General (ESD) made a presentation covering - Background and objective of the Economic Census; 6th EC results and challenges; Objectives of 7th EC; Proposed approach; Use of technology; Business Register and proposed schedule for data collection.

5. Subsequently, representative of CSC e-Governance Services India Limited made a presentation on their proposal for conduct of 7<sup>th</sup> EC through the network of Common Service Centres (CSCs).

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6. In the 7<sup>th</sup> EC, it has been decided to leverage the local knowledge of the Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) who are the ground level constituents of the CSC network. The 33 lakh VLEs will provide readymade network of manpower at Gram Panchayat level which will help the Ministry to meet the stringent timelines for completion of the census. Further the CSC e-Governance Services India Limited has in-house capabilities of developing web-based/ mobile technology for data collection, validation and tabulation as well as provide standardized training with the help of their resources at District level who maintain liaison with the District Collectors' office. Further CSC e-Governance Services India Limited has experience in rolling out G2C and B2C services to individuals at the doorstep through technology which implies the capabilities and infrastructure for capturing the required details in electronic format.

7. Thereafter members shared their suggestions/ inputs which are summarized below:

**7.1 M/o MSME:**

- (i) Include investment on capital, plant and machinery in the schedule
- (ii) Include representative of M/o MSME in Steering Committee and Expert Group of 7<sup>th</sup> EC.

In this regard, it was stated that the ToR of Steering Committee and Expert Group provide for a consultation mechanism with all Ministries/ Departments. The inclusion in schedule must be done keeping in mind level of competence of the enumerators and quality of data. Secretary requested M/o MSME to explore whether the details of the establishments registered in Udyog Aadhar portal can be shared with MoS&PI. He further requested M/o MSME to provide access to field formations of DC-MSME in supervision work of 7<sup>th</sup> EC.

**7.2 SDRD, NSSO:**

- (i) NSSO has physically verified about 1 lakh establishments from the 6<sup>th</sup> EC and Business Register of few States for the 74<sup>th</sup> round which will provide a good source for integrated database
- (ii) NSSO has procured the list of educational and health/ clinical establishments registered with M/o HRD and M/o HFW respectively which can be shared with ESD.
- (iii) The collection of value of installed plant and machinery in the Annual Survey of Industries was discontinued owing to problems in collection of the same in field. Hence collection of the same in 7<sup>th</sup> EC will be difficult
- (iv) CIN number may be captured in Establishment schedule
- (v) Under ownership code in Household schedule, Govt./ PSU may be dropped and Govt. & PSU can be separate options in Establishment schedule

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### **7.3 GST Network & Department of Revenue**

- (i) Necessary instruction for capturing data on capital need to be provided to field workers during training
- (ii) Capital may be renamed as Capital investment during previous year
- (iii) Data will provide a gap analysis with the Income Tax Assessee's database
- (iv) The data will be helpful in increasing tax base under GST
- (v) Members of Household with internet access and members owning a mobile phone will be subjective data and difficult to capture
- (vi) SAARTHI data of MoRTH may also be integrated as necessary.
- (vii) The data of all individual bank account holders is available with CDBT and need not be recollected
- (viii) Major source of finance options can be reclassified into two broad heads namely Government and Non-Government
- (ix) Classes under turnover can be reduced and aligned with GST requirements. Accounting period may also be specified in turnover.

### **7.4 M/o Women and Child Development**

Rashtriya Mahila Kosh may be added as an option under major source of finance

### **7.5 Agriculture**

- (i) Employment figures are not captured through agriculture census which can be done through EC. However, it was agreed to provide details of land-holding, which is an economic unit, which could be added later on, while counting the total establishments in the country. ADG(Census) suggested to obtain employment details from Population Census, 2011.
- (ii) The above suggestion made by ADG(Census) to synchronize the Agriculture Census with Economic Census, at lower geographical area, was agreed to in the 7<sup>th</sup> EC or from 8<sup>th</sup> Census onwards.

### **7.6 CPD, NSSO**

Capturing of Aadhar details may be made optional

### **7.7 M/o Textiles**

- (i) At present, no data on Textiles sector exists except the organized mills for which survey is done by O/o Textile Commissioner
- (ii) For the Handicrafts, Handlooms and unorganized artisan businesses, EC data will be a useful source for M/o Textiles

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M/o Textiles was requested to share the list of textile and the handloom establishments available with them for ground verification. He also suggested making available the data collected during recent Handicraft and Handloom Census to MOSPI. The M/o Textiles was requested to provide access to the field offices of the O/o Textile Commissioner, O/o DC-Handlooms and O/o DC- Handicrafts for the joint supervision and monitoring of EC field work.

#### **7.8 M/o Social Justice and Empowerment**

Social Group of persons employed in the establishments may be included in the schedule.

#### **7.9 DIPP**

- (i) List of establishments registered under IEM can be shared
- (ii) No Business Register is maintained by DIPP under Ease of Doing Business portal
- (iii) All related information is available on the portal of EODB

#### **7.10 M/o Information and Broadcasting**

Under Broad Activity codes, upcoming information/ communication areas such as online streaming, VFX, etc. need to be included

#### **7.11 M/o Labour and Employment**

- (i) EPFO and ESIC establishment database can be shared for integration
- (ii) State Labour Commissioners' offices can be leveraged for joint supervision of EC work. Necessary communication from MoSPI will be sent to MoLE in this regard

#### **7.12 M/o Corporate Affairs**

- (i) CIN number may be included in the schedule
- (ii) LLP Act to be included under registration details
- (iii) The database of enterprises registered with MCA can be shared

#### **7.13 D/o Economic Affairs**

- (i) Sector-wise services data including International Trade in Services on employment, etc. is useful, if derivable from EC.
- (ii) Service export incentive scheme of Department of Commerce can be included as an option under major source of finance

#### **7.14 ADG(PSD), MoSPI suggested the following based on his experience in conduct of 6<sup>th</sup> Economic Census**

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- (i) The definition of employment used during last 6<sup>th</sup> Economic Census i.e. number of employed during last working day may be used instead of the number of employed persons as on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019, as suggested in the proposed 7<sup>th</sup> Economic Census.
- (ii) Further, all the options would be provided with codes.
- (iii) In respect of source of finance, 'Self Help Group' and 'Donation from other sources' may also be included.
- (iv) For turnover, separate codes for coverage under GSTN and MSME may be proposed.

9. Concluding, the following decisions were taken:

- (i) The various Ministries and participants were requested to send their comments and suggestion formally for incorporation in the Economic Census schedule within a week.
- (ii) MoSPI and CSC to work together to formalize the EC activities for the fieldwork and mobile app.
- (iii) The coding of activity classification needs to be handled at the backend of the IT portal through appropriate algorithms to facilitate fieldwork.

10. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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**ANNEX****List of participants of the Consultation Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> Economic Census held on 29.10.2018**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name and Designation</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
1.	Sh. Pravin Srivastava – Chairman Secretary	Ministry of Statistics & P.I. (MOSPI)
2.	Sh. Jyotirmay Poddar, Director General	Economic Statistics, MOSPI
3.	Dr. Vidya Dhar Addl. Director General	National Statistical Commission, MOSPI
4.	Sh. T.K Sanyal, Addl. Director General	Survey Design and Research Division, MOSPI
5.	Sh. M.P. Johnson, Addl. Director General	Training Division, MOSPI
6.	Sh. A.K. Sadhu, Addl. Director General	Coordination and Publication Division, NSSO, MOSPI
7.	Sh. Sunil Jain, Addl. Director General	Price Statistics Division, MOSPI
8.	Smt. G.S. Lakshmi Addl. Director General	Economic Statistics Division, MOSPI
9.	Sh. S.K. Panda, Deputy Director General	DIPP, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
10.	Sh. M.M. Hasija, Deputy Director General	Tax Policy Research Unit, Ministry of Finance
11.	Sh. N.K. Santoshi, Deputy Director General	Ministry of Labour and Employment
12.	Ms. Geeta Singh Rathore, Deputy Director General	Ministry of Corporate Affairs
13.	Ms. A. Srija, Economic Adviser	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
14.	Sh. D.P. Srivastava, Deputy Director General	Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
15.	Ms. Santosh, Statistical Adviser	Ministry of Women and Child Development
16.	Sh. Pankaj Srivastava, Deputy Director General	Economic Statistics Division, MOSPI

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17.	Sh. Bhagwan Patil, Vice President	Goods & Services Tax Network
18.	Sh. C. Chinnappa, Addl. Economic Adviser	Ministry of Textiles
19.	Sh. P.B. Pramanik, Additional Commissioner	Tax Policy Research Unit, Ministry of Finance
20.	Sh. A.P. Tripathi, Addl. Commissioner	Employees, State Insurance Corporation
21.	Ms. Poonam Munjal, Fellow	National Council of Applied Economic Research
22.	Ms. Pratima Gupta, Director	Ministry of Agriculture and Family Welfare
23.	Dr. Pratibha A, Director	Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance
24.	Sh. Chandrajit Chatterjee, Deputy Director	Economic Statistics Division, MOSPI
25.	Ms. Meena Nandwani, Deputy Director	Ministry of Women and Child Development
26.	Sh. Sanjeev Sharan Pandey Asst. Director	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
27.	Sh. Sarthik Sachdeva, Senior Manager	CSC e-Governance Services India Limited
28.	Sh. Sunil Kumar Kaushik, Sr. Statistical Officer	Economic Statistics Division, MOSPI
29.	Sh. Narendra Jena, Economic Officer	Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance
30.	Ms. Kanika Wadhawan, Asst. Director	Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance
31.	Sh. Saurabh Bansal, Jr. Statistical Officer	Economic Statistics Division, MOSPI
32.	Sh. Aditya Singh Hada, Jr. Statistical Officer	Economic Statistics Division, MOSPI

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