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Subject: Seeking Comments/ Suggestions on Draft National Statistical Commission (NSC) Bill 2019

In pursuance of the recommendations of Rangarajan Commission, National Statistical Commission was set up as an interim measure by a Notification dated 1st June 2005. The National Statistical Commission Bill 2019, has been drafted for establishing a Statutory **National Statistical Commission (NSC)** as the nodal and empowered body for all core statistical activities for the country.

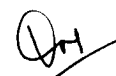
2. The NSC Bill 2019 and a Background note is placed at annexure.
3. The Comments/ suggestions on the draft NSC Bill 2019 are invited in the following format:

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4. The Comments/ suggestions may be sent preferably by email to nsc-secretariat@nic.in and / or by post at the following address, latest by 19th Jan2020:

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Background note for Draft National Statistical Commission (NSC) Bill

1. Informed policy decision making process derives its strength from reliable, timely and relevant data. The standardization and relevance of data is fundamental to create a credible system of official statistics in the country. The importance of creating a strong, independent statistical authority is crucial for ensuring public trust in the official statistical system.
2. The need for an independent apex advisory body for official statistics has been long felt. Rangarajan Commission was set up by the government in year 2000-2001 with a mandate to propose overhauling reforms for Official statistical system. In pursuance of the recommendations of Rangarajan Commission, National Statistical Commission was set up as an interim measure by a Notification dated 1st June 2005. In the absence of any legislative framework, the NSC has faced challenges in implementing its recommendations.
3. The present draft **NSC Bill 2019** proposes to establish a **National Statistical Commission (NSC)**, as the nodal and autonomous body for all core statistical activities for the country, to evolve, monitor and enforce statistical priorities and standards and to ensure statistical coordination. The salient features of the Bill are following:
 - a) **The Composition of NSC:** The Bill proposes for the Commission to be composed of a fulltime Chairman and Members nominated from amongst eminent persons. It is proposed to include, amongst others, Deputy Governor, RBI as a member of Commission and the Chief Economic Adviser as ex-officio member. The revised composition of NSC aims to reinforce its independence and also align it with the vision and broad contours of national policies and priorities.
 - b) **Chief Statistician of India (CSI):** the position of Chief statistician of India has been created by the same executive order that established the present NSC in 2005. The Act proposes to reaffirm the position and also include him as a Member of NSC.
 - c) **Statistical Audit:** In the draft Bill, provisions for Statistical Audit is proposed to be included. The bill provides for establishing a National Statistical Audit and Assessment Organization within NSC with a Chief Statistical Auditor in the rank of Secretary to the GOI.
 - d) **Independent secretariat for the Commission:** To further strengthen the autonomy of the commission, the Bill also proposes setting up of an independent secretariat for the Commission headed by a Secretary rank officer of GOI. The Bill also envisages financial autonomy for the Commission through an independent National Statistical Fund. The Bill also proposes the NSC to be a body corporate.
 - e) **Functions of NSC:** The functions assigned to National Statistical Commission by the Rangarajan commission broadly classified into:

- 1) Nodal empowered body for setting up mandatory standards in respect of Core Statistics defined as statistical indicators which are critical for monitoring the economy.
- 2) Evolve, monitor and enforce statistical priorities and standards by way of periodical review and audit.
- 3) Ensure strong coordination through close linkage between budget and statistical programming.

4. The Draft Bill deals in detail with the advisory role assigned to NSC in terms of regular periodical review of all aspects of Official statistical System at various levels, including legislative, overall policy, HR and technology intervention issues of Center as well as State statistical systems, including administrative data. While NSC can take up such matters *suo moto*, the Bill primarily envisages encouraging Government agencies to proactively bring forth issues pertaining to the national statistical system proactively for discussion in the Commission.

Draft NSC Bill 2019

THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL COMMISSION BILL, 2019

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Bill

to constitute a National Statistical Commission to regulate, develop, and strengthen the official statistical system of the country in order to promote public confidence, ensuring timeliness and reliability and professionalism, adopting best statistical practices, achieving independence and integrity of official statistics and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Sixty-ninth year of the Republic of India as follows:-

Chapter-I

PRELIMINARY

1. Short title, extent and commencement:

(1) This Act may be called the National Statistical Commission Act, 2019.

(2) It extends to the whole of India.

(3) It shall come in to force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification, appoint, and different dates may be appointed for different provisions of this Act and any reference to commencement in any such provision shall be construed as a reference to the date of commencement of that provision.

2. Definitions: (1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:-

(a) "administrative statistics" means statistics collected, collated or derived or capable of being collected, collated or derived either –

(i) For the purpose of any Government agency as a by-product of general administration, or

(ii) In the course of administering or implementing the provisions of any law for the time being in force;

(b) "Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Commission;

(c) "Chief Statistician of India" means the person appointed from time to time as Chief Statistician of India by the Central Government;

(d) "Commission" means the National Statistical Commission established under section 3;

- 29 (e) "Core Statistics" means any official statistical product as specified under section 15 and included
30 in the First Schedule.
- 31 (f) "Fund" means the National Statistical Fund constituted under section 28;
- 32 (g) "Government" means Central or State Government read with Section 2(u), as the case may be.
- 33 (h) "Government agency" means –
- 34 (i) any Ministry or Department of the Central Government or its instrumentality;
- 35 (ii) any Department of any State Government or its instrumentality;
- 36 (iii) the Reserve Bank of India, constituted under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934;
- 37 (iv) any local Government,
- 38 and includes any agency thereof;
- 39 (i) "Member" means a Member of the Commission and includes Chairperson;
- 40 (j) "National Statistical Office " means the organisation in the Central Government known by that
41 name, prior to the commencement of this Act, now identified under Section 24(1);
- 42 (k) "non-Government agency" means any agency which is not a Government agency;
- 43 (l) "non-sampling error" means any error, other than a sampling error, the commission of which
44 may result in erroneous inferences on the features of a population in any statistical survey;
- 45 (m) "Notification" means a notification published in the Official Gazette;
- 46 (n) "official statistics" means statistics obtained by Government agencies from statistical surveys,
47 administrative and registration records and other forms and papers, the statistical analyses of
48 which are published regularly, or planned to be published regularly, or required to be published
49 regularly, or could reasonably be expected to be published regularly;
- 50 (o) "personal information" means any information about an informant whose identity can
51 reasonably be ascertained from such information;
- 52 (p) "population" means a class of people objects or events about whom statistics on economic or
53 demographic or social or scientific or environmental aspects is collected or collated ;
- 54 (q) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;
- 55 (r) "regulations" means regulations made under this Act;

(s) "sampling error" means any error that may occur as a result of limiting a statistical inquiry only to a sample, instead of to a complete coverage of a population, or because of any erroneous strategy followed in drawing a sample from a population;

(t) "Schedule" means a Schedule appended to this Act;

(u) "State Government", in relation to a Union territory, means the administration thereof; and

(v) "statistical purpose" means the employment of any statistical data for compiling or collecting information at various levels of aggregation or for updating the information already compiled or collected or for updating and collecting further data or for analyzing the data or its analysis.

Chapter-II

NATIONAL STATISTICAL COMMISSION

3. Establishment and incorporation of Commission.- (1) The Central Government shall, within 3 months from the date of commencement of this Act, by Notification, constitute a body to be called the "National Statistical Commission" to exercise the powers conferred upon it, and to perform the functions assigned to it, under this Act.

(2) The Commission shall be a body corporate by the name aforesaid having perpetual succession and a common seal with power, subject to the provisions of this Act and rules made thereunder, to acquire, hold and dispose of property, both movable and immovable, and to contract and shall, by the said name, sue or be sued.

(3) The Commission shall consist of

a. a whole time Chairperson

b. 5 whole time members,

c. Deputy Governor , RBI as nominated by the Governor, RBI,

d. Chief Statistician of India (CSI)

e. Chief Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance , GOI as ex-officio member,

The Chairman and the members of the Commission as in 3(b) shall be appointed by the Central Government on the recommendation of the Search Committee constituted under sub-section (1) of section 5.

(4) The headquarters of the Commission shall be at New Delhi.

(5) The general superintendence, direction and management of the affairs of the Commission shall vest in the Commission which may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the Commission under this Act.

4. Qualification for appointment of the Chairperson and other members.- The Chairperson and the members of the Commission as in 3(b) shall be appointed by the Central Government, from amongst persons of ability, integrity and standing who have special knowledge or practical experience in respect of matters relating to official statistics or experience in administering institutions dealing with the matters aforesaid or who have made outstanding contribution in the field of statistics or in any other related discipline with reference to statistical applications such as economic statistics including such areas as agriculture, industry, trade, finance or national accounts; social statistics including such areas as population, health, education, labour and employment or environment; statistical operations including such areas as censuses, surveys, statistical information system or information technology, and statistical and economic administration, national statistical system or state statistical systems as well as operations research, computer science, etc.

5. Appointment of Chairperson and other Members.- (1) The Chairperson and other members as in 3(b) shall be appointed by the Central Government on the recommendations of Search Committee constituted by the Government of India for the purpose as prescribed.

(2) No appointment of a Chairperson or any member of the Commission shall be invalid merely by reason of absence of any member in the meetings of the Search Committee referred to in sub-section (1)

6. Term of office, conditions of service etc. of Chairperson and other Members.-

(1) Before appointing any person, the Government shall satisfy itself that the person does not have any financial or other interest as is likely to affect prejudicially his functions as such Member.

(2) The Chairperson and the other members as in 3(b) shall hold office for a term not exceeding three years as the Central Government may notify in this behalf from the date on which they enter upon their offices or till they attain 65 years of age, whichever is earlier.

(3) The Chairperson and the members of the Commission as in 3(b) shall be appointed as such only for one term and shall not be eligible for reappointment, but a Member, other than Chairperson, shall be eligible for appointment as a Chairperson and such appointment for a Member shall not be counted as a second term.

(4) On the commencement of the National statistical Commission Act 2019, a person appointed as Chairman and members of the Commission and holding office immediately before such commencement shall vacate their respective offices of the Commission and shall be entitled to claim compensation not exceeding three months pay and allowance for the premature termination of the term of their offices or of any contract of their service.

(5) The sub section (4) will be applicable except for the case when on the commencement of the National statistical Commission Act 2019, a person appointed as Chairperson of the Commission and every other person appointed as Member and holding office immediately before such

123 commencement is appointed as the Chairperson or member of the Commission as in 3(b) under
124 the National Statistical Commission Act 2019.

125 (6) The employee of the Government on his selection as the Member shall have to retire from
126 service before joining as the Member.

127 (7) The status to be accorded to, the salary and allowances payable to, and other terms and
128 conditions of service of, the Member shall be such as may be prescribed.

129 (8) The salary and allowances, as the case may be, and the other terms and conditions of service of
130 a Member shall not be varied to his disadvantage after appointment .

131 (9) Notwithstanding anything contained otherwise, if the Chairperson or any other member of the
132 Commission happens to be a Member of Parliament, or a State Legislature, he shall not be entitled
133 to any remuneration other than the allowances, defined in clause (a) of section 2 of the Parliament
134 (Prevention of Disqualification) Act, 1959 (10 of 1959) or as the case may be, other than the
135 allowances, if any, which the Member of the Legislature of the State may, under any law for the time
136 being in force in the State relating to the prevention of disqualification for membership of the State
137 Legislature receive without incurring such disqualification

138 (10) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub section (2), a Member may-

139 a. Relinquish his office by giving in writing a notice of not less than 2 month to the Central
140 Government; or

141 b. Be removed from his office in accordance with the provisions of section 7.

142 (11) Any Member shall not, for a period of two years from the date on which he ceases to hold
143 office as such, accept any employment under the Government of India or under the Government of
144 any State without previous approval of the Central Government, except in respect of such academic
145 and research assignments, as may be prescribed.

146 **7. Removal and suspension of Chairperson and other Members.-** (1) The Central Government
147 may, by order, remove from office the Chairperson or any member of Commission as in 3(b) if the
148 Chairperson or such Member-

149 (a) has been adjudged insolvent; or

150 (b) has become unfit to continue in office by reason of infirmity of mind or body; which
151 makes him unsuitable for the job or has been declared as that of unsound mind by a competent
152 court; or

153 (c) is convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for an offence which in the opinion of
154 the Central Government involves moral turpitude.

(d) has engaged during his term of office in any paid employment outside the duties of his office or acquired such financial or other interest as is likely to affect prejudicially his functions as a member ;or

(e) has so abused his position as to render his continuance in the office prejudicial to the public interest.

(2) No such Member shall be removed from his office under clause (d) or (e) of sub-section(1) unless he has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard in the matter.

8. Member to act as Chairperson or to discharge his functions in certain circumstances.- (1) In the event of the occurrence of any vacancy in the office of the Chairperson, the Central Government may, by Notification, authorize one of the other Member to act as the Chairperson, **which shall not be more than 4 months**, until the appointment of a Chairperson is made in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

9. Meetings.- (1)The Commission shall meet at such times and places , and shall observe such rules of procedure in regard to transaction of business at its meetings (including quorum at such meetings) as may be provided by regulations.

(2) The Chairperson, or, if for any reason, he is unable to attend a meeting of the Commission, any other Member chosen by the Members present from amongst themselves at the meeting shall preside at the meeting.

(3) All questions which come up before any meeting of the Commission shall be decided by a majority of vote of the Members present and voting, and in the event of an equality of votes, the Chairperson or in his absence, the person presiding, shall have a second or casting vote.

(4) Commission may choose to have special invitees to the meetings.

10. Constitution of committees. - (1) The Commission may constitute committees consisting wholly of Members or wholly of other persons or partly of Members and partly of other persons for examining the system of official statistics in respect of any subject matter or for assisting the Commission in any of its functions, as and when deemed necessary.

(2) A committee constituted under sub-section(1) shall meet at such time and at such place, and shall observe such procedure in regard to the transaction of business at its meetings, as may be determined by regulations or otherwise, by the Commission.

(3) The fees and allowances payable to the members of a committee (other than Members of the Commission) constituted under sub-section (1) , for attending its meetings and for attending other work of the Commission, shall be such as may be prescribed.

11. Temporary association of persons with Commission for particular purposes.- (1) The Commission may associate with itself, in such manner and for such purposes, as may be required by

it, any person whose assistance or advice or service it may desire to obtain in performing any of its functions under this Act.

(2) A person associated with the Commission under sub-section (1) for any purpose may, if required by the Commission, take part in the discussions of the Commission relevant to that purpose, but shall not have a right to vote at a meeting of the Commission, and shall not be a Member for any other purpose.

(3) The fees and allowances payable to such person associated with the Commission under sub-section (1) , for attending its meetings and for attending other work of the Commission, shall be such as may be prescribed.

Provided that any regulation, in respect of salary and allowances payable to and other conditions of service of such person associated with the Commission under sub-section (1), made before the commencement of the NSC Act shall cease to have effect immediately on the notification of rules made under the Section 42.

12. Vacancy in the Commission not to invalidate acts or proceedings.- No act or proceedings of a Commission or any Committee thereof shall be called in question or be invalid merely by the reason of

(a) any vacancy in or any defect in the constitution, of the Commission or such Committee, as the case may be; or

(b) any defect in the appointment of a person acting as a Member; or

(c) any irregularity in the procedure of the Commission not affecting the merit of the case.

13. Administrative powers of Chairperson etc.- (1) The Chairperson shall have the powers of general superintendence and direction in the conduct of the affairs of the Commission including all administrative and financial matters of the Commission and he shall, in addition to presiding over the meetings of the Commission, exercise and discharge such powers and functions and shall discharge such other powers and functions as may be prescribed.

(2) All orders and decisions of the Commission shall be authenticated by the Secretary or any other officer of the Commission duly authorised by the Chairperson in this behalf.

Chapter-III

Powers and Functions of the Commission

14. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other Act or notification related to official statistics, The Government (including a registry or an administrative office of any court, Tribunal or other authority performing any judicial or quasi-judicial functions, including any regulatory authority, whether established under any law or otherwise,) **shall** seek advice from the Commission on any matter relating to official statistics, including, –

223 (a) legislative measures to be undertaken in the matters relating to official statistics;
224 (b) to identify and evolve national policies and priorities relating to the official statistical system;
225 (c) laying down standard statistical concepts, definitions, classifications and methodologies for
226 official statistics;
227 (d) promoting public awareness and devising measures for improving public trust in official
228 statistics;
229 (e) establishing high professional standards and devising code of conduct or practice so as to build
230 up an ethos for the profession of statistics so as to achieve highest standard and professional
231 excellence in activities relating to official statistics;
232 (f) lay down standards for integration of data collected by different Government agencies, and for
233 ensuring comparability at national and international levels;
234 (g) specify the manner in which any data gap is to be filled up or any unnecessary duplication in
235 collection of statistics has to be avoided;
236 (h) promoting teaching and research and participation of academia in and related fields of official
237 statistics;
238 (i) strategies for human resource development including information technology and
239 communication needs for the official statistical system;
240 (j) to prescribe measures for effective coordination with State Governments on statistical
241 activities including strengthening of existing institutional mechanisms;
242 (m) to exercise statistical coordination between Ministries, Departments and other agencies of the
243 Central Government through the Chief Statistician of India and statistical agencies of that
244 Government;

245 (2) The Central Government or a State Government, as the case may be, may, on receipt of any
246 advice of the Commission under sub-section (1), issue such directions, as may be necessary, to any
247 Government agency under its administrative control and forward a copy of the directions so issued
248 along with a report on reasons for not accepting any advice to the Commission.

249 (3) Every notification made under sub-section (2) along with a report on reasons for not accepting
250 any advice of the Commission shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of
251 Parliament or a State legislature, as soon as may be, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty
252 days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before
253 the expiry of the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses or the State legislature
254 agree in making any modification in the notification or both Houses or the State legislature agree
255 that the notification should not be made, the notification shall thereafter have effect only in such
256 modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so however, that any such modification or

annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that notification.

15. Functions of the Commission in respect of Core Statistics.- (1) On and from the commencement of this Act, the official statistics products specified in the First Schedule shall be designated as Core Statistics. The commission shall also, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, identify the agencies that will be responsible for the collection, compilation and publication of such Core Statistics and the release calendar of the statistics so defined.

(2) The Commission within one year of the enactment of this Act shall identify criteria and standard procedures to be followed for official statistical product to be designated as Core Statistics.

(3) The Commission shall undertake periodical review, not exceeding 5 years for each item included in the First Schedule, of Core Statistics, for relevance and updating if any, in terms of concepts, definitions, standards, methodology including the agencies responsible for the collection, compilation and publication of such Core Statistics and the release calendar of the statistics so defined.

(3) The Commission , either *suo-moto*, or at the request of concerned Central Ministry/ State Department, following the criteria in sub section (2) shall , if it is of the opinion that-

(a) any official statistics product is of national importance or critical to the economy of the country, recommend to the Central Government, the inclusion of such a product as a Core Statistics in the First Schedule; or

(b) any official statistics product is of importance or critical to the economy of the State, recommend to the respective State Government, the inclusion of such a product as a Core Statistics in the First Schedule by the way of a State Amendment; or

(c) any official statistics product included in the First Schedule is no longer necessary to be included as Core Statistics, recommend to the Central Government or the State Government, as the case may be, its discontinuance as a Core Statistics,

(4) The Central Government, or the State Government as the case may be, on receiving any such recommendation from the Commission, shall either add or delete such product, as the case may be, from the First Schedule, by means of a Notification and thereafter the First Schedule shall be deemed to have been amended accordingly

(5) Every notification made under sub-section (4) shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament or a State Legislature, as the case may be, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses or the State Legislature, as the case may be, agree in making any modification in the notification or both Houses or the State Legislature agree that the notification should not be made, the notification shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so

294 however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of
295 anything previously done under that notification.

296 (6) The nodal officers designated in Central Ministries/ Departments/State Government shall be
297 professionally responsible to Chief Statistician of India (CSI) on Core Statistics.

298 (7) The NSO shall maintain a “warehouse” for Core Statistics, for dissemination amongst all users
299 in the public and private sectors inside and outside the country and serve as the sole provider of
300 information to foreign Governments, international bodies and United Nations agencies

301 **16. Powers of the Commission in respect of Core Statistics etc.-**

302 (1) The Commission shall, in respect of each product of Core Statistics, after making such inquiry or
303 consultation as it thinks fit, advise from time to time the Government, in respect of all or any of the
304 following aspects, namely - ,

305 (a) The form, the manner by which collection, compilation and dissemination of statistics, in respect
306 of such product or any other product incidental to it, shall be carried out;

307 (b) Statistical standards including statistical concepts, definitions, classifications and
308 methodologies to be met in producing such product; the manner of controlling sampling and non-
309 sampling errors;

310 (c) The name or names, as the case may be, of Government agencies that are required to comply
311 with the directions given under this section;

312 (d) Safeguards and other precautions to be observed while outsourcing any statistical activity;

313 (e) Measures for ensuring confidentiality and security, including protection of personal
314 information from any unauthorized or illegal access, without compromising on meeting any
315 statistical purpose;

316 (f) Any other requirement that is incidental, including any of the following aspects for the purpose
317 of carrying out any activity in respect of any Core Statistics, namely, -

318 (a) Deployment of human resources including the qualifications and experience required for
319 employing any person and professional ethos to be complied with by any person on being
320 employed, for the purposes of sub-clause (a);and other resources including information
321 technology and communication resources available with any other Government agency;

322 (b) any other additional resources needed to be provided;

323 (c) measures to promote effective statistical coordination among Government agencies
324 involved; and

325 (d) Oversight any other strategy on Core Statistics that is incidental.

326 (2) The Government, on the basis of advice of the Commission under sub-section (1), shall within
327 three months from the date of receipt of such advice, by Notification, issue such directions to any
328 Government agency, as may be necessary, on all or any of the aspects mentioned under sub-clauses
329 (a) to (f) of sub-section (1).

330 (3) The Government shall, in respect of the matters that are not notified under sub-section (2) or
331 notified under that sub-section not in accordance with the advice of the Commission, report to the
332 Commission forthwith the reasons thereof.

333 (4) The Commission shall have power to conduct statistical audit in the manner provided under
334 section 20, during the course of or after the execution of any activity with regard to directions
335 notified under sub-section (2) on any Core Statistics.

336 **17. General powers of the Commission.** – (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules
337 made thereunder, the Commission shall have power to –

338 (a) convene meetings with users of official statistics from time to time to review user needs for
339 such statistics;

340 (b) review the statistical system of any Government agency in the light of concepts, definitions,
341 standards, methodologies and established policies, and recommend measures for enhanced
342 Performance; to prescribe a code of practice and to exercise statistical audit over the statistical
343 activities to ensure quality and integrity of the statistical products and their adherence to the
344 prescribed code of practice;

345 (c) promote research and institute awards for outstanding work in official statistics;

346 (d) participate in, and in consultation with the Central Government coordinate with, National
347 Statistical Organisations on matters of statistical standards, methodologies and classifications;

348 (e) advice any Government agency, on receipt of a reference and if the Commission deems it
349 appropriate to do so, on methodological aspects of any statistical survey proposed to be
350 undertaken by it;

351 (f) record its assessment on the performance, in respect of functions assigned under Section 24, for
352 such period of the National Statistical Office, as may be prescribed; and

353 (g) perform such other functions including such administrative and financial functions as may be
354 entrusted to it by the Central Government or as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
355 Act.

356 (2) The Commission, for the purpose of exercising its mandate under this Act or the rules or
357 regulations made thereunder, shall have powers to:

358 (a) require production of any document; or

(b) require any Government agency to provide details of statistical activities, including concepts and definitions used, methodologies followed, quality standards adopted, sampling and non-sampling errors, etc., in respect of a statistical activity or a product; or

(c) require attendance of any person including any public servant; or

(d) Issue notice for the examination of any witness or document.

18. Advice of Commission on administrative statistics.- (1) The Commission may, from time to time, recommend to the Central Government or any State Government, collection, compilation and dissemination of administrative statistics with such periodicity and in such format, as may be useful for statistical purposes provided that it does not adversely affect the effectiveness of the data for primary purpose for which it was created.

(2) The Central Government or a State Government, as the case may be, on the basis of advice of the Commission under sub-section (1), shall within three months from the date of receipt of such advice, by notification, issue such directions to any Government agency, as may be necessary.

(3) The directions issued by the Central Government or a State Government, as the case may be, under sub-section (2) shall have effect, notwithstanding anything contained in any law for the time being in force.

(4) For the purpose of avoiding unnecessary duplication, clearly identifying data gaps, and facilitating conduct of statistical surveys, the Commission may recommend to the National Statistical Office or any Department in the Central Government or a State Government, on the following aspects, namely, -

(a) Integration of official statistics collected from time to time by different Government agencies on the basis of such criteria, as may be specified by the Commission;

(b) Preparation and updating, from time to time, of statistical registers containing list of persons or business enterprises or any other lists which in the opinion of the Commission may be used by any Government agency for any statistical purpose; and

(c) Providing/ official statistics integrated under sub-clause (a) or statistical registers prepared under sub-clause (b),-

(i) to any other Government agency for any statistical purpose in such manner and form and at such intervals, as may be specified by the Commission in this behalf; or

(ii) to any person in a manner not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act on payment of such fee, as may be determined by the Commission.

(5) The Central Government or a State Government, as the case may be, shall report to the Commission forthwith, but not later than four months, in respect of action taken on the advice of

the Commission received under sub-section (1) or under sub-section (4) and on reasons, in cases where such advice could not be acted upon.

19. Power of Commission in respect of statistics produced by non-Government agencies.- (1)

If the Commission is of the opinion that any statistics produced by any non-Government agency is of public interest, it may order for statistical audit in a manner provided under section 20, and where necessary, recommend appropriate action.

(2) Every non-Government agency shall render such help and assistance and furnish such information to an officer of the National Statistical Appraisal and Assessment Organisation authorised for the purpose, as may be required for the statistical audit directed under sub-section (1) and shall make available for inspection and examination, such records, plans, other documents and data, as may be necessary.

20. Powers of the Commission on statistical audit.- (1) The Commission shall have power to obtain a report on any statistical audit from the National Statistical Appraisal and Assessment Organisation referred in section 22, in such format and within such period, as may be specified by the Commission in this behalf.

(2) The Commission shall satisfy itself about the correctness of the facts stated and the conclusions, if any, arrived at in the report submitted to it under sub-section (1) and for this purpose the Commission may make such inquiry (including the examination of the person or persons who conducted or assisted in the statistical audit) as it thinks fit.

(3) The Commission may, on the basis of a report on statistical audit referred to in sub-sections (1) and (2), advise any Government agency, the adoption of such measures for improvement, as may be deemed necessary.

Chapter-IV

Offices and officers under the Commission

21. Secretariat of the Commission.- (1) For efficient discharge of its functions under this Act, the Commission shall appoint a person in the rank not below that of a Secretary to the Government of India as Secretary of the Commission, with such salary and allowances and other terms and conditions of service, as may be prescribed.

(2) The Secretary of the Commission shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Commission and shall exercise such powers and discharge such functions of the Commission as may be delegated to him by the Commission or the Chairperson, as the case may be.

(3) The Commission may appoint such other persons including any official of a Government agency on deputation basis, subject to such terms and conditions and with such qualifications and experience, as prescribed.

Provided that any regulation, in respect of the salary and allowances payable to and other conditions of service of officers and other employees of the Commission, made before the commencement of NSC Act 2019 shall cease to have effect immediately on the notification of rules made under Section 41.

22. National Statistical Appraisal and Assessment Organisation.- (1) Central Government shall, by notification, establish a Division of NSC, called 'the National Statistical Appraisal and Assessment Organisation' (NSAAO) to conduct planned, periodic statistical audit, which may include concurrent statistical audit of any statistical survey being conducted by a Government agency, including National Statistical Organisation and may consist of the evaluation of statistical tools, processes and products employed in Core Statistics to ascertain whether any process applied in a statistical activity or a statistical product relating to official statistics is in accordance with the standards, if any, specified by the Commission or whether there is any violation of professional ethics or bias by any person or institution engaged in any such process and to ascertain such other details or deficiencies in the system that require to be addressed, as may be specified by regulations or otherwise by the Commission in this behalf.

(2) The National Statistical Appraisal and Assessment Organisation may, determine its own activity schedule in such a manner that the all statistical activities related to /Core Statistics are mandatorily covered, at least, for post audit. NSAAO may also undertake Audit activities as directed by the Commission or requested by the Government agency producing it. (3) The National Statistical Appraisal and Assessment Organisation will submit its findings and recommendations in the form of Annual Report for the approval and guidance of the Commission.

23. Appointment of Chief Statistical Auditor.- (1) The National Statistical Appraisal and Assessment Organisation referred to in sub-section (1) of section 22 will be headed by a Chief Statistical Auditor to be appointed by a Notification, in the rank of a Secretary to the Government of India with such qualifications and experience and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(2) The Chief Statistical Auditor will be assisted by not more than 8 persons appointed by Notification, on such terms and conditions, as may be prescribed. Chief Statistical Auditor may also appoint such other employees necessary to discharge the administrative and secretarial functions related to NSAAO with such salary and allowances and other terms and conditions of service, as may be prescribed.

(3) The Chief Statistical Auditor or any person appointed under sub-sections (1) and (2) shall perform the functions assigned to them under this Act and the rules and regulations and subject to the direction and control of the Commission, may, for the purpose of statistical audit, exercise the powers referred in clauses (a) to (d) of sub-section (2) of section 17.

Chapter-V

Arrangements for implementation of statistical policies and priorities

24. Implementation mechanism.- (1) There shall be a Chief Statistician of India appointed by Notification, in the rank of Secretary to the Government of India on the recommendations of Search Committee constituted by the Government of India for the purpose as prescribed, with such qualifications and experience and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed. CSI shall head NSO, the executive wing of Government of India for official statistics in Ministry of statistics and Programme Implementation. The CSI shall also discharge the functions of Secretary to the Government of India for MOSPI.

(2) The National Statistical Office, headed by Chief Statistician of India, shall, be responsible for coordinating implementation of the policies and priorities as laid down from time to time by the Commission by the way of -

- (a) implementation and maintenance of statistical standards and coordination of statistical activities among Government agencies as laid down by the Commission from time to time;
- (b) collecting or arranging to collect Core Statistics, as per the directions of the Central Government;
- (c) publishing Core Statistics at regular intervals (as per the pre-determined release calendar) together with critical analysis regarding the quality of data and implication of the use of data in policy making and administration;
- (d) arranging training for statistical personnel and for the purpose utilising the services of universities, research institutions and experts in relevant fields on such terms and conditions and on payment of such fee, as may be determined by the Commission;
- (e) maintaining a warehouse for Core Statistics, for dissemination amongst all users in the public and private sectors inside and outside the country and serve as the sole provider of information to foreign Governments, international bodies and United Nations agencies;
- (f) undertaking statistical surveys from time to time; and
- (g) outsourcing of statistical activities as may be necessary, subject to such safeguards, and such terms and conditions including compensation or fee, as may be specified by the Commission from time to time.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Chief Statistician of India, in addition to his other responsibilities, to act in support of the efficient discharge of the functions of the Commission, and he shall, as per the recommendations of the Commission,-

- (a) provide leadership to statistical activities by promoting coordination among Government agencies;
- (b) assist the Commission in evolving and implementing statistical strategies;
- (c) assist the Commission to decide and reallocate statistical priorities;
- (d) promote reliability and integrity of official statistics; and

25. Responsibilities of Government agencies in respect of Core Statistics. – (1) Every Government agency engaged in any activity in respect of Core Statistics shall implement the directions of the Central Government on Core Statistics and for the purpose, assign the related coordination work to such officers as may be prescribed, who shall, -

(a) be responsible to and associated closely with, the Chief Statistician of India in implementing the directions of the Central Government;

(b) coordinate flow of statistical information to and from the National Statistical Office; and

(c) perform such other functions, as may be prescribed.

26. Duties of statistical personnel. – (1) Any person engaged in official statistics in any Government agency shall implement the directions of the Central Government in respect of Core Statistics relevant to his work and submit periodical reports as may be specified by the Commission from time to time.

Chapter-VI

FINANCE, ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

27. Grants by Central Government.-(1) The Central Government shall, after due appropriation made by Parliament by law in this behalf, make to the Commission an initial endowment grant of such sum as may be adequate to establish the Commission, as deemed appropriate by the Parliament.

(2) The Central Government may, after due appropriation made by Parliament by law in this behalf, make to the Commission grants of such sums of money as required to pay the salaries, allowances and other remuneration payable to the Members, and the administrative expenses including the salaries allowances and pensions payable to or in respect of officers, other employees, persons and agencies employed by the Commission including NSAAO.

(3) Not more than five percent of the budgetary grant allocated by the Central Government to the National Statistical Office in each financial year, as may be determined by the Central Government, shall devolve as a Grant to the Commission in case of any contingency which shall have to be established in each case.

28. Constitution of Funds.- (1) There shall be constituted a Fund to be called 'the National Statistical Fund' and there shall be credited thereto-

(a) all Government grants, fees and charges received by the Commission including NSAAO ;

(b) all sums received by the Commission from such other source as may be decided by the Central Government.

(2) All moneys belonging to the Fund referred in sub-section (1) shall be invested by the Commission following the standard regulations. (3) The Fund shall be applied for meeting-

(a) to pay the salaries, allowances and other remuneration payable to the Members, and the administrative expenses including the salaries allowances and pensions payable to or in respect of officers, other employees, persons and agencies employed by the Commission including NSAAO.

(b) the other expenses of the Commission in connection with the discharge of its functions and for the purposes of this Act;

(c) the expenses on objects and for purposes authorised by this Act.

29. Accounts and Audit.- (1) The Commission shall maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and prepare an annual statement of accounts in such form as may be prescribed by the Central Government in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India.

(2) The Accounts of the Commission shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor-General at such intervals as may be specified by him and any expenditure incurred in connection with such audit shall be payable by the Commission to the Comptroller and Auditor-General.

(3) The Comptroller and Auditor-General or any person appointed by him in connection with the audit of the accounts of the Commission under this Act shall have the same rights and privileges and the authority in connection with such audit as the Comptroller and Auditor-General generally has in connection with the audit of Government accounts and, in particular, shall have the right to demand the production of books, accounts, connected vouchers and other documents and papers and to inspect any of the offices of the Commission.

(4) The accounts of the Commission as certified by the Comptroller and Auditor-General or any other person appointed by him in this behalf, together with the audit report thereon shall be forwarded annually to the Central Government by the Commission and the Central Government shall cause the audit report to be laid as soon as may be after it is received before each House of Parliament.

30. Exemption from tax on wealth and income.- Notwithstanding anything contained in the Wealth-tax Act, 1957, the Income Tax Act, 1961, or any other enactment for the time being in force relating to tax on wealth, income, profits or gains, the Commission shall not be liable to pay wealth-tax, income tax or any other tax in respect of its wealth, income, profits or gains derived.

Chapter-VII

Reports of the Commission

31. Annual and special reports of the Commission.- (1) The Commission shall prepare once in every financial year, in such form and within such time as may be prescribed, an annual report giving a full account of its activities during the previous year and copies thereof shall be forwarded to the Central Government and that Central Government shall cause the Annual Report together with a memorandum of action taken or proposed to be taken on recommendations therein, alongwith the reasons for the non acceptance and/or non implementation if any, to be laid before

each House of Parliament. and to the State Government concerned, where any recommendation or any part thereof concerns any State Government which shall cause it to be laid before the Legislature of the State together with a memorandum of action taken or proposed to be taken on recommendations therein, alongwith the reasons for the non acceptance and/or non implementation if any, tp these recommendations and may at any time submit special report on any matter which, in its opinion, is of such urgency or importance that it should not be deferred till submission of the annual report.

Chapter-VIII

Inquiries, offences and penalties

32. Statement made by persons to the Commission.- No statement made or no information furnished by a person to the Commission in the course of performing any duty under the provisions of this Act or the rules or the regulations or directions made thereunder shall subject him to, or be used against him in, any civil or criminal or departmental proceeding except in case of action under this Act for giving false statement or false information.

33. Professional ethics.- Every person who has to perform any duty or function under this Act or the rules or regulations or directions made thereunder shall-

(1) be bound to perform such duty or function;

(2) be bound to follow the Code of Professional Ethics as prescribed including maintaining confidentiality of data and shall not divulge any information except in the manner provided in this Act or the rules or the regulations or directions made thereunder.

34. Power to Censure.- (1) Where, on receipt of a complaint made to it or otherwise, the Commission has reason to believe that a Government agency has not complied with the standards of statistical ethics or that any person engaged in official statistics has committed any professional misconduct or made any false or misleading statement or material omission in respect of any statement or information furnished to the Commission, the Commission may, after giving the Government agency, or person concerned an opportunity of being heard and holding an inquiry in such manner as may be provided by regulations, for reasons to be recorded in writing, warn, admonish or censure the concerned Government agency.

(2) If the Commission is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient in public interest so to do, it may publish in such manner as it deems fit, any particulars relating to any inquiry under this section.

(3) Nothing in sub-section (1) shall be deemed to empower the Commission to hold an inquiry into any matter in respect of which any proceeding is pending in a court of law.

CHAPTER-IX

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MISCELLANEOUS

605 **34. Power of Central Government to issue directions:** (1) The Central Government may, from
606 time to time, issue to the Commission such directions as it may think necessary in the interest of the
607 sovereignty and integrity of India, the security of the State, friendly relations with foreign States,
608 public order, decency or morality.

609 (2) Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions, the Commission shall in exercise of its powers or
610 the performnce of its functions, be bound by such directions or questions of policy as the Central
611 Government may give in writing to it from time to time.

612 Provided that the Commission shall, as far as practicable, be given an opportunity to express
613 its views before any direction is given under this sub-section.

614 (3) The decision of the Central Government, whether a question is of policy or not shall be
615 final.

616 **35. Delegation of powers to officers.-** The Commission may, by regulations or by order, and
617 subject to such conditions and limitations, if any, as may be specified therein, delegate, to any
618 Member or officer of the Commission, such of its powers and functions under this Act or the rules
619 framed thereunder, as it may deem necessary.

620 **36. Government agencies to assist.-** (1) All Government agencies shall render such help and
621 assistance, including assisting the Commission in any of its meetings as may be required by it, and
622 furnish such information to the Commission as it may require for the discharge of its functions,
623 and shall make available to the Commission for inspection and examination such records,
624 plans and other documents, as may be necessary, for the discharge of its functions.

625 (2) Any activity relating to Core Statistics shall not be carried out by any Government agency
626 without a direction of the Central Government made on the basis of advice of the Commission.

627 **37. Chairperson/Members and officers to be public servants.-** All Members, officers,
628 employees or any person appointed or authorised to exercise any function under this Act shall be
629 deemed, when acting or purporting to act in pursuance of any of the provisions of this Act, to be a
630 public servant within the meaning of section 21 of the Indian Penal Code.

631 **38. Bar of jurisdiction.-** No civil court shall have jurisdiction to entertain any suit or proceeding in
632 respect of any matter which the Commission or the Central Government or a State Government or
633 any person is empowered by or under this Act to determine,.

634 **39. Protection of action taken in good faith.-** No suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against
635 the Central Government, State Government, the Commission or any officer of Central Government
636 or State Government or any Member or any officer or other employee of the Commission for
637 anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done in pursuance of this Act or of any rules

638 or any order made thereunder (or in respect of the publication by or under the authority of the
639 Central Government, State Government, the Commission of any report, paper or proceedings.)

640 **40. Overriding effect.-** The provisions of this Act shall have effect notwithstanding anything
641 inconsistent therewith contained in any other law for the time being in force.

642 **41. Power of Central Government to make rules.-** (1) The Central Government may, by
643 notification, make rules to carry out the provisions of this Act.

644 (2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may
645 provide for all or any of the following matters namely:-

646 (a) The status to be accorded to, the salary and allowances payable to, and other terms and
647 conditions of service of, the Member under section 6(7);

648 (b) the academic and research assignments that are required to be exempted under sub-section
649 (12) of section 6;

650 (c) Period of assessment on the performance, in respect of functions assigned under Section
651 24, of the National Statistical Office in Section 17(f) ;

652 (d) salary and allowances and other terms and conditions of service of the Secretary to the
653 Commission and other persons in the Secretariat as in Section 21(1) and 21(3) respectively;

654 (e) qualifications and experience and terms and conditions for the appointment of Chief
655 Statistical Auditor and other official of NSAAO in Section 23(1) and 23(2) respectively;

656 (f) Qualifications and experience and terms and conditions for selection of CSI under Section
657 24(1);

658 (g) assigning coordination work on Core Statistics and other functions to officers under section
659 Section 25(1)

660 (h) the form in which the annual statement of accounts is to be prepared by the Commission under
661 sub-section (1) of section 31; and

662 (i) any other matter which has to be, or may be, prescribed.

663 (3) Every rule made under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each
664 House of Parliament, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised
665 in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session
666 immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in
667 making any modification in the rule or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, the rule
668 shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so
669 however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of
670 anything previously done under that rule.

671 **42. Power of Commission to make Regulations.-** (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the
672 rules made thereunder, the Commission may, by notification, make regulations to carry out the
673 provisions of this Act.

674 (2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such regulations
675 may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:-

676 (a) the procedure for meetings of the Commission under sub-section (1) of section 9;

677 (b) the procedure for meetings of committees constituted by the Commission under sub-section (2)
678 of section 10;

679 (c) the fees and allowances including sitting fee for attending its meetings for members of
680 committees constituted by the Commission under sub-section (3) of section 10;

681 (d) the fees and allowances for persons temporarily associated with the Commission under sub-
682 section (3) of section 11

683 (e) salary and allowances and other terms and conditions of service of the Secretary to the
684 Commission and other persons in the Secretariat as in Section 21(1) and 21(3) respectively;

685 (f) qualifications and experience and terms and conditions for the appointment of Chief Statistical
686 Auditor and other official of NSAAO in Section 23(1) and 23(2) respectively;

687 (g) any other matter which has to be, or may be, specified by regulations.

688 (3) Every regulation made by the Commission under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be after it
689 is made, before each House of Parliament, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days
690 which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the
691 expiry of the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any
692 modification in the regulations or both Houses agree that the regulation should not be made, the
693 regulation shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may
694 be; so however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity
695 of anything previously done under that regulation.

696 **43. Power to remove difficulties.-** (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of
697 this Act, the Central Government in consultation with the Commission, may by order published in
698 the Official Gazette, make such provisions, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act as appear
699 to it to be necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty:

700 Provided that no such order shall be made after the expiry of a period of two years from the date of
701 commencement of this Act.

702 (2) Every order made under this section shall, as soon as may be, after it is made, be laid before
703 each house of Parliament.

Schedule**List of official statistical products identified as core statistics**

S. No.	Product/ Indicator/ Data set	Periodicity	Source	Office
1: National Income				
1.	Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at factor cost	Quarterly/ Annual	Analytical statistics	NSO
2.	Net factor income from abroad	Quarterly/ Annual	Analytical statistics	NSO
3.	Consumption of fixed capital	Quarterly/ Annual	Analytical statistics	NSO
4.	Indirect taxes	Quarterly/ Annual	Analytical statistics	NSO
5.	Subsidies	Quarterly/ Annual	Analytical statistics	NSO
6.	Private final consumption expenditure in domestic market	Quarterly/ Annual	Analytical statistics	NSO
7.	Government final consumption expenditure	Quarterly/ Annual	Analytical statistics	NSO
8.	Gross Domestic capital formation (adjusted)	Quarterly/ Annual	Analytical statistics	NSO
9.	Net Domestic capital formation (adjusted)	Quarterly/ Annual	Analytical statistics	NSO

10.	GDP at current market prices	Quarterly/ Annual	Analytical statistics	NSO
11.	Domestic savings	Quarterly/ Annual	Analytical statistics	NSO
12.	Household sector savings	Quarterly/ Annual	Analytical statistics	NSO
13.	Private corporate sector savings	Quarterly/ Annual	Analytical statistics	NSO
14.	Public sector savings	Quarterly/ Annual	Analytical statistics	NSO
15.	Gross capital formation by type of institutions at current prices	Quarterly/ Annual	Analytical statistics	NSO
16.	Net capital stock by type of institution	Quarterly/ Annual	Analytical statistics	NSO
17.	Capital-output ratio	Quarterly/ Annual	Analytical statistics	NSO
18.	Per capita Gross State Domestic Product	Annual	Analytical statistics	NSO, States/ UTs
19.	Per capita Net State Domestic Product	Annual	Analytical statistics	NSO, States/ UTs
20.	Input-output transactions table	Quinquennial	Analytical statistics	NSO

S. No.	Product/ Indicator/ Data set	Periodicity	Source	Office
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2: Production & Services sectors				
21.	Landholdings Number, area, tenancy, land utilization, cropping pattern, irrigation particulars of different size classes	Quinquennial	Landholdings, Agriculture Census, Irrigation Census	D/o Agriculture & Cooperation, M/o Water Resources
22.	Land Use statistics and crop area statistics generated through TRS/ EARAS Schemes	Agricultural Season	Administrative Statistics	D/o Agriculture & Cooperation, States/ UTs
23.	Production (quantity) of major agricultural crops	Agricultural Season	Administrative statistics, Sample Surveys	Department of Agriculture and Cooperation
24.	Yield (quantity) per hectare of major agricultural crops	Agricultural Season	Sample Surveys	Department of Agriculture and Cooperation
25.	Value of output from agriculture, horticulture, and livestock	Annual	Administrative statistics, Sample Surveys	Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries
26.	Value of input from agriculture, horticulture, and livestock	Annual	Administrative statistics, Sample Surveys	Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries
27.	Livestock, Poultry, Agricultural Machinery and Implements and Fisheries Statistics	Quinquennial	Livestock Census	D/o Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries

28.	Production of marine fish, inland fish and cultivated fish	Annual	Sample Survey	D/o Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries
29.	Area, production and prices of forest products	Annual	Sample Surveys	Ministry of Environment and Forests
30.	Output, input, value added, capital and employment in Mining and Quarrying	Annual	Administrative Statistics, Sample Survey	Directorate General of Mines Safety, Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Coal
31.	Output, input, value added, capital and employment in Manufacturing	Annual	Administrative Statistics, Sample Survey	Concerned Administrative Ministries, NSO
32.	Output, input, value added, capital and employment in Electricity, installed capacity, generation, electricity consumption/ per capita availability, no. of villages/ households electrified, electricity transmission and distribution system, T & D losses	Annual	Administrative Statistics	Central Electricity Authority
33.	Output, input, value added, capital and employment in Construction	Annual	Sample Survey	National Buildings Organisation
34.	Characteristics of establishments in unorganised/ informal sector	Quinquennial	Economic census	NSO

35.	Index of Industrial Production	Monthly	Administrative Statistics	NSO
36.	Performance of infrastructure sectors, namely, civil aviation, power, railways, telecommunication, roads & highways, ports, cement etc.	Annual	Administrative Statistics	Concerned Ministries, NSO
37.	Foreign Trade Statistics of India (Principal commodities and countries)- quantum and value	Half-yearly	Administrative Statistics	Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S)
38.	Statistics of Foreign & Coastal cargo Movement of India and the Inter-State Movements/ Flows of Goods by Rail, River and Air	Annual	Administrative Statistics	DGCI&S
39.	Statistics on area, yield, manufacturing, imports & exports, employment, in respect of tea, coffee, spices and rubber	Annual	Administrative Statistics	D/o Commerce
40.	Volume and other related characteristics of Inter-State trade		Administrative Statistics	Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), DGCI&S
41.	Indices of Unit and Value and Quantum of Foreign Trade	Quarterly Annual	Administrative Statistics	DGFT, DGCI&S
42.	Performance Indicators for	Annual	Administrative Statistics	D/o Chemicals & Petrochemicals

	Chemicals & Petrochemicals			
43.	Performance Indicators for Steel	Annual	Administrative Statistics	Ministry of Steel
44.	Production, imports and consumption of coal and lignite	Annual	Administrative Statistics	M/o Coal
45.	Production imports and consumption of fertilizers (N, P, K)	Annual	Administrative Statistics	D/o Fertilizers
46.	Production of crude oil, all petroleum products, natural gas, LNG, imports/ exports of oil & petroleum products and consumption of petroleum products	Annual	Administrative statistics	M/o Petroleum and Natural Gas
47.	Performance indicators for Railways, construction of railway lines, passengers and cargo carried etc	Annual	Administrative statistics	M/o Railways
48.	Road statistics-length of roads constructed, total highways, no of vehicles registered	Annual	Administrative statistics	Ministry of Surface transport
49.	Air transport- no of passengers, including airport statistics cargo carried, passenger and cargo earnings	Annual	Administrative statistics	Ministry of Civil Aviation
50.	Water transport including port statistics, passengers and	Annual	Administrative statistics	Ministry of Shipping

	cargo handled			
51.	Communication statistics- no of subscribers- landline and wireless, average revenue per user, average minutes usage, usage of internet, tele-density	Monthly Annual	Administrative statistics Analytical	D/o Telecommunications, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
52.	Tourist Arrivals Foreign Exchange earnings	Annual	Administrative Statistics	Ministry of Tourism
53.	Output, Input, value added, capital and employment in unorganized/ Informal sector	Quinquennial	Sample survey	NSO& States/ UTs
54.	Statistical Data obtained under the Companies Act	Annual	Administrative Statistics	M/o Corporate Affairs
55.	Public Enterprises- Survey- Number, turnover, capital employed, Profitability ratios, Investment,	Annual	Administrative Statistics	D/o Public Enterprises

S. No.	Product/ Indicator/ Data set	Periodicity	Source	Office
3: Budgetary Transactions				
56.	Revenue receipts (actuals)	Annual	Administrative statistics	M/o Finance and State/ UT Governments
57.	Capital receipts (actuals)	Annual	Administrative statistics	M/o Finance and State/ UT Governments

58.	Non-plan expenditure (actuals) on revenue account	Annual	Administrative statistics	M/o Finance and State/ UT Governments
59.	Non-plan expenditure (actuals) on capital account	Annual	Administrative statistics	M/o Finance and State/ UT Governments
60.	Plan expenditure (actuals) on revenue account	Annual	Administrative statistics	M/o Finance and State/ UT Governments
61.	Plan expenditure (actuals) on capital account	Annual	Administrative statistics	M/o Finance and State/ UT Governments
62.	Revenue deficit (actuals)	Annual	Administrative statistics	M/o Finance and State/ UT Governments
63.	Fiscal deficit (actuals)	Annual	Administrative statistics	M/o Finance and State/ UT Governments
64.	Primary deficit (actual)	Annual	Administrative statistics	M/o Finance and State/ UT Governments

S. No.	Product/ Indicator/ Data set	Periodicity	Source	Office
4: Money and Banking				
65.	Currency with the public	Annual	Administrative Statistics	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
66.	Deposit money with the Public	Annual	Administrative Statistics	RBI
67.	Post office savings bank and other deposits	Annual	Administrative Statistics	RBI

68.	Time Deposits with Banks	Annual	Administrative Statistics	RBI
69.	Credit-deposit ratio of scheduled commercial banks	Annual	Administrative Statistics	RBI
70.	Investment-deposit ratio of scheduled commercial banks	Annual	Administrative Statistics	RBI
71.	Outstanding credit of scheduled commercial banks by type of occupation	Annual	Administrative Statistics	RBI

S. No.	Product/ Indicator/ Data set	Periodicity	Source	Office
5: Capital Market				
72.	Resource Mobilisation from Primary Market	Annual	Administrative Statistics	Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
73.	Resource Mobilisation by Mutual Funds	Annual	Administrative Statistics	SEBI
74.	FII investments	Annual	Administrative Statistics	SEBI
75.	Trading value of capital market segment	Annual	Administrative Statistics	National Stock Exchange
76.	Trading value of Futures and options market segment	Annual	Administrative Statistics	National Stock Exchange
77.	Exchange Traded Derivatives	Annual	Administrative Statistics	SEBI

	Instruments other than commodities			
78.	Trading value of WDM segment	Annual	Administrative Statistics	RBI, SEBI

S. No.	Product/ Indicator/ Data set	Periodicity	Source	Office
6: Indices and other short term indicators				
79.	Wholesale Price Index	Monthly	Sample Survey	Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion
80.	Consumer Price Index (Rural/ Urban)	Monthly	Sample Survey	NSO
81.	Consumer Price Index for industrial workers	Monthly	Sample Survey	Labour Bureau
82.	Consumer Price Index for agricultural labourers	Monthly	Sample Survey	Labour Bureau
83.	Service Price Index	Monthly	Sample Survey	Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion
84.	Housing price Index	6 monthly	Sample Survey	National Housing Bureau
85.	Index of Service production	Monthly	Sample Survey	NSO
86.	Quarterly financial results of companies listed	Quarterly		SEBI, RBI

	on stock exchanges			
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S. No.	Product/ Indicator/ Data set	Periodicity	Source	Office
7. External Sector				
87.	Foreign Exchange Reserves	Monthly	Administrative statistics	RBI
88.	Balance of payments	Annual	Administrative statistics	RBI
89.	Exchange rate for Indian rupee vis-à-vis other countries	Monthly	Administrative statistics	RBI
90.	Indices of Real Effective Exchange Rate (REER) and Nominal Effective Exchange Rate (NEER)	Monthly	Administrative statistics	RBI
91.	Value of exports by commodity group	Annual	Administrative statistics	RBI
92.	Value of imports by commodity group	Annual	Administrative statistics	RBI
93.	Value of exports and imports with major trading countries	Annual	Administrative statistics	RBI
94.	Foreign investment inflows	Monthly	Administrative statistics	RBI

S. No.	Product/ Indicator/ Data set	Periodicity	Source	Office
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8: Demography, Social and Environment Sectors				
95.	Vital statistics, literacy and population by identified social groups	Decennial	Census	O/o Registrar General and Census Commissioner (ORGI)
96.	Population projections	Annual	Analytical	ORGI
97.	Vital Statistics	Annual	Administrative statistics	ORGI
98.	Vital rates/ ratios	Annual	Sample Survey	ORGI
99.	Consumer expenditure by State and by rural/ urban sectors	Quinquennial	Sample Survey	NSO
100.	Number of persons employed according to usual status and current weekly status by State and by rural/ urban sectors	Quinquennial	Sample Survey	NSO
101.	Labour Force participation rate (LFPR) and Work Force participation rate (WFPR) by State and by rural/ urban sectors	Quinquennial	Sample Survey	NSO
102.	No. of gainfully employed persons by type of economic activity	Quinquennial	Sample Survey	NSO
103.	Health characteristics by identified social groups	Quinquennial	Surveys	M/o Health & Family Welfare

104.	Health care facilities (hospitals/ beds/ dispensaries), medical manpower (doctors), medical education (under-graduate, Post-graduate and paramedical courses) and licensed pharmacies	Annual	Administrative statistics	M/o Health & Family Welfare
105.	Indicators on maternal health, child health, family planning etc.	Annual, periodical	Surveys, Health Management Information System	M/o Health & Family Welfare, ORGI
106.	Statistics on number of institutions, enrolment, number of teachers, allocation and expenditure on education	Annual	Administrative Statistics	D/o Higher Education, D/o School Education & Literacy
107.	Vital statistics under the Civil Registration System	Quarterly	Administrative Statistics	ORGI, States/ UTs
108.	Vital statistics under Sample Registration System	Annual	Sample Survey	ORGI
109.	Data on quality and availability of drinking water and safe/ improved sanitation facility	Monthly	Administrative Statistics	Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
110.	Allocation and off take of food grains under	Annual	Administrative Statistics	D/o Food & Public Distribution System

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111.	Statistics on land records	Annual	Survey under National Land Records Modernisation Programme	D/o Land Resources
112.	Poverty – Head Count Ratio	Quinquennial	Analytical Statistics	NITI Aayog
113.	Sustainable Development Goals	Annual	Administrative Statistics	NSO with the support of respective Ministries
114.	Diet and Nutritional Status of Population in Rural areas	Annual	Sample Survey	National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau, Indian Council of Medical Research
115.	Ambient air quality in major cities	annual	Administrative Statistics	Central Pollution Control Board
116.	Total Absolute Emissions of CO2 from the Power Sector	annual	Administrative Statistics	Central Electricity Authority
117.	Gross and Net production and utilisation of Natural Gas in India	annual	Administrative Statistics	M/O Petroleum and Natural Gas
118.	Monsoon Performance	annual	Administrative Statistics	Indian Meteorological Department
119.	Water, oceans, lakes, ground water and rivers	annual	Administrative Statistics	Central Ground Water Board (M/O Water Resources), Central Water Commission
120.	Solar Power	annual	Administrative Statistics	M/O New and Renewable Resources