

**Annexure III**  
**Government of India**  
**(Bharat Sarkar)**  
**Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation**  
**(Sankhyiki aur Karyakram Karyanvayan Mantralaya)**

New Delhi, dated the 23 January, 2001

**RESOLUTION**

**No. M-13011/3/99/Adm.IV.** The Government of India established a National Statistical Commission under the chairmanship of Dr. C. Rangarajan, Governor, Andhra Pradesh vide Gazette Notification dated 19th January, 2000. The Commission consists of part-time chairman Dr. C. Rangarajan, Governor, Andhra Pradesh and 11 part-time members:

- (1) Shri V.R. Rao, ex-Director, Central Statistical Organisation and UN Advisor
- (2) Shri S.M. Vidwans, ex-Director (Economics & Statistics), Government of Maharashtra and UN expert
- (3) Prof. J. Roy, Professor Emeritus at Indian Statistical Institute
- (4) Dr. Prem Narain, Emeritus Scientist, IARI and ex-Director, Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute
- (5) Dr. Rakesh Mohan, Director-General, NCAER
- (6) Dr. V.R. Panchmukhi, Director-General, Research and Information System for the Non-Aligned and other Developing Countries
- (7) Dr. Y. Venugopal Reddy, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India
- (8) Dr. K. Srinivasan, Executive Director, Population Foundation of India and ex-Director of International Institute of Population Studies
- (9) Prof. S. Tendulkar, Delhi School of Economics and Vice-Chairman, National Advisory Board on Statistics
- (10) Dr. A.B.L. Srivastava, Chief Consultant, Educational Consultants India Ltd., & ex- Professor, NCERT
- (11) Dr. Fredie Ardeshir Mehta, Eminent private sector economist and Director, M/s. Tata Sons Ltd.

2. The terms of reference of the National Statistical Commission are as follows:

- (i) To examine critically the deficiencies of the present statistical system in terms of timeliness, reliability and adequacy;
- (ii) To recommend measures to correct the deficiencies and revamp the statistical system to generate timely and reliable statistics for the purpose of policy and planning in Government at different levels of administrative structure;
- (iii) To recommend permanent and effective coordinating mechanism for ensuring integrated development of the decentralized statistical system in the country;
- (iv) To review the existing legislation for the collection of statistical information and to recommend amendments, where necessary, to achieve the objective of collection and dissemination of timely, reliable and adequate statistics;
- (v) To review the existing organisation of the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (Statistics Wing) and other statistical units of the Government and to make recommendations on their staffing and training requirements to enable them to cope with the increase and development of statistical services;
- (vi) To examine the need for instituting statistical audit of the range of services provided by the Government and local bodies and make suitable recommendations thereof; and
- (vii) To recommend any other measures for improving the statistical system in the country.

3. The Commission is assisted by a Secretariat headed by a full time Secretary at the level of Additional Secretary.

4. The Commission was set up for a term of 12 months from the date of notification. With the approval of the Cabinet it has, now, been decided to further extend the tenure of the National Statistical Commission for a period of six months from 19th January, 2001 to 18th July, 2001 along with all the posts sanctioned and occupied for its secretariat including the post of Secretary, National Statistical Commission at the level of Additional Secretary.

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