

Economic Census

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Economy- issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development

About Economic Census

- Economic Census is the **complete count of all establishments located within the geographical boundary of India.**
- It **provides disaggregated information on various operational and structural variables of all establishments of the country.**
- It also provides valuable insight into **geographical spread/clusters of economic activities, ownership pattern, persons engaged**, etc. of all economic establishments in the country. The information collected during the Economic Census are useful for socio-economic developmental planning at state and district levels.
- Economic Census provides an updated sampling frame for follow-up enterprise surveys undertaken for detailed and comprehensive analysis of all establishments in the country.
- It will cover all establishments including household enterprises, engaged in production or distribution of goods/services (other than for the sole purpose of own consumption) in the non-farm agricultural and non-agricultural sector will be counted.

Economic Census-2019

- The Seventh Economic Census (7th EC) is being conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) in 2019.
- In the current Economic Census, MoSPI has **partnered with CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, a Special Purpose Vehicle under the Ministry of Electronics and**

Information Technology as the implementing agency for 7th EC.

- In the 7th EC, an **IT-based digital platform for data capture**, validation, report generation and dissemination will be used.
- In this census, the ministry also introducing **geo-tagging** which will help to find out the distribution of economic activity in a certain place

Definitions of Rural area and Urban area under the Economic census

Urban Area: An Urban area is classified based on the following criteria: All places with a municipality, corporation, cantonment board or notified town area committee, etc.,

Or All other place satisfying the following three **criteria** simultaneously:

- A minimum population of 5,000
- At least 75% of the male working population engaged in non-agricultural pursuits
- A population density of at least 400 per sq. km.

The first category of urban units is known as **Statutory Towns** while the second category of towns is known as **Census Towns**, identified based on last population Census.

Rural Area: All areas, which are not identified as urban. The basic unit for rural areas is the revenue village.

Previous Economic Censuses

- Six Economic Censuses, (EC) have been conducted by the Union Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation. till date. The Sixth edition of Economic Census was conducted in 2013.
- **The first Economic Census was undertaken in 1977.**