

# Household Consumer Expenditure Survey

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The government announced that in view of “data quality issues” the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation had decided not to release the results of the all-India Household Consumer Expenditure Survey conducted by the National Statistical Office (NSO) during 2017-2018.

The National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation carried out an all-India survey on household consumption expenditure in the 75th round during the period July 2017 to June 2018.

## About the Consumer Expenditure Survey

- The Consumer Expenditure Survey (CES) is **usually conducted at quinquennial intervals (recurring every five years)** and the last survey on consumer expenditure was conducted in the 68th round (July 2011 to June 2012).
- The NSS Consumer Expenditure Survey generates **estimates of household Monthly Per Capita Consumer Expenditure (MPCE) and the distribution of households** and persons over the MPCE classes.
- It is designed to collect information regarding expenditure on the consumption of goods and services (food and non-food) consumed by households.

## Uses of the CES

- The estimates of monthly per capita consumption spending are vital in **gauging the demand dynamics of the economy** as well as for understanding the shifting priorities in terms of baskets of goods and services, and in assessing

living standards and growth trends across multiple strata.

- From **helping policymakers spot and address possible structural anomalies that may cause demand to shift** in a particular manner in a specific socio-economic or regional cohort of the population, to providing pointers to producers of goods and providers of services, the CES is an invaluable analytical as well as forecasting tool.
- It is, in fact, **used by the government in rebasing the GDP and other macro-economic indicators.**