

National Office(NSO)

Statistical

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The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has two wings, one relating to Statistics and the other Programme Implementation. The Statistics Wing called the National Statistical Office(NSO) consists of the Central Statistical Office (CSO), the Computer center and the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO).

Role of NSO

NSO is mandated with the following responsibilities:

- **Acts as the nodal agency for planned development of the statistical system in the country**, lays down and maintains norms and standards in the field of statistics, involving concepts and definitions, methodology of data collection, processing of data and dissemination of results
- **Coordinates the statistical work in respect of the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India and State Statistical Bureaus (SSBs)**, advises the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India on statistical methodology and on statistical analysis of data
- **Prepares national accounts as well as publishes annual estimates of national product, government and private consumption expenditure, capital formation**, savings, estimates of capital stock and consumption of fixed capital, as also the state level gross capital formation of supra-regional sectors and prepares comparable estimates of State Domestic Product (SDP) at current prices
- **Maintains liaison with international statistical**

organizations, such as, the United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD), the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the Food and Agriculture Organizations (FAO), the International Labour Organizations (ILO), etc.

- **Indexes:** Compiles and releases the **Index of Industrial Production (IIP)** every month in the form of 'quick estimates'; conducts the **Annual Survey of Industries (ASI)**; and provides statistical information to assess and evaluate the changes in the growth, composition and structure of the organized manufacturing sector
- Organizes and conducts periodic **all-India Economic Censuses** and follow-up enterprise surveys, provides an in-house facility to process the data collected through various socio economic surveys and follow-up enterprise surveys of Economic Censuses
- Conducts **large scale all-India sample surveys for creating the database** needed for studying the impact of specific problems for the benefit of different population groups in diverse socio economic areas, such as employment, consumer expenditure, housing conditions and environment, literacy levels, health, nutrition, family welfare, etc
- Examines the survey reports from the technical angle and evaluates the sampling design including survey feasibility studies in respect of surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organizations and other Central Ministries and Departments
- **Dissemination of statistical information on various aspects through a number of publications distributed to Government, semi-Government, or private data users/agencies** and disseminates data, on request, to the United Nations agencies like the UNSD, the ESCAP, the ILO and other international agencies
- **Releases grants-in-aid to registered Non-Governmental**

Organizations and research institutions of repute for undertaking special studies or surveys, printing of statistical reports, and financing seminars, workshops and conferences relating to different subject areas of official statistics.

About National Sample Survey

The National Sample Survey(NSS) headed by a Director General is responsible for conduct of large scale sample surveys in diverse fields on All India basis. Primarily data are collected through nation-wide household surveys on various socio-economic subjects, Annual Survey of Industries (ASI), etc. Besides these surveys, NSS collects data on rural and urban prices and plays a significant role in the improvement of crop statistics through supervision of the area enumeration and crop estimation surveys of the State agencies. It also maintains a frame of urban area units for use in sample surveys in urban areas.

Four divisions of NSS

- Survey Design and Research Division (SDRD)
- Field Operations Division (FOD)
- Data Processing Division (DPD)
- Survey Coordination Division (SCD)

About Central Statistics Office(CSO)

The Central Statistics Office coordinates the statistical activities in the country and evolves statistical standards. It is headed by a Director General assisted by 5 Additional Director Generals. CSO has the following Divisions:

- National Accounts Division (NAD)
- Social Statistics Division (SSD)
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- Training Division
- Coordination and Publications Division (CAP)