

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3331  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023**

**COMPOSITION OF SCES**

**3331. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:**

**Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the terms of reference and the composition of the Standing Committee on Economic Statistics (SCES);**
- (b) the details of meetings held since the committee was formed in 2019;**
- (c) the comprehensive information about the recommendations made by SCES and the action taken by the Ministry in response to these recommendations;**
- (d) the year-wise record of the number of meetings the National Statistical Commission convened during the past five years; and**
- (e) the details of the members in the Standing Committee on Statistics?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS [RAO INDERJIT SINGH]**

**(a): The terms of reference of the Standing Committee on Economic Statistics (SCES) are given in the statement at Annexure – I. The composition of SCES is given in the statement at Annexure – II.**

**(b): Two meetings of the SCES were held after the formation of SCES in 2019. The first meeting was held on 07.01.2020 and the second meeting was held on 10.02.2021.**

**(c): The recommendations made by SCES and the action taken by the Ministry are given in the statement at Annexure - III.**

**(d): The year-wise record of the number of meetings of the National Statistical Commission convened during last five years is as follows:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>2019-20</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>2020-21</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2021-22</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>2022-23</b>	<b>5</b>

**(e): The details of the members in the Standing Committee on Statistics are given in the statement at Annexure - IV.**

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**Statement referred in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3331 for 09.08.2023**

**Terms of Reference of Standing Committee on Economic Statistics (SCES)**

The Standing Committee on Economic Statistics shall deliberate and deliver various issues related to Labour Force Statistics, Time Use Survey, Industrial Statistics, Services Sector, Unorganised Sector Statistics, Economic Census and such other surveys/statistics as brought before it by the Government. Its Terms of Reference include:

- i. To review the extant framework relating to data sources, indicators, concepts / definitions, and other issues and to suggest suitable modification wherever required with respect to:
  - o Annual Survey of Industries
  - o Annual Survey of Services Sector Enterprises
  - o Annual Survey of Unorganised Sector Enterprises
  - o Periodic Labour Force Survey
  - o Time Use Survey
  - o Index of Service Production
  - o Index of Industrial Production
  - o Economic Census
  - o Any other survey/statistics as brought before the Standing Committee by the Government.
  
- ii. To develop survey methodology including sampling frame, sampling design, survey instruments, etc. and to finalize tabulation plan
  
- iii. Finalization of the Reports of the surveys.
  
- iv. To conduct pilot surveys/pre-testing, if necessary, before finalizing schedules for data collection.
  
- v. To suggest appropriate sampling frame(s) for the surveys.
  
- vi. To study and explore the availability and compilation of administrative statistics relating to aforesaid subjects.
  
- vii. To study/identify data gaps/additional data requirements, if any, in respect of aforesaid statistics and suggest appropriate strategy for improvement.

**Statement referred in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3331 for 09.08.2023**

**Composition of Standing Committee on Economic Statistics (SCES)**

1	Dr. Pronab Sen, Program Director, India Team Researcher, International Growth Centre, New Delhi	Chairman
2	Dr. Biswanath Goldar, Ex. Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi	Non-Official Member
3	Shri Alope Kar, Former DDG, Kolkata	Non-Official Member
4	Shri P.C. Sarkar, Former ADG, DPD, Kolkata	Non-Official Member
5	Dr. Jeemol Unni, Director, Professor of Economics, Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Non-Official Member
6	Representative from the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), New Delhi	Non-Official Member
7	Representative from the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), New Delhi	Non-Official Member
8	Representative from Tata Trust, New Delhi	Non-Official Member
9	Representative from Office of United Nation Resident Coordinator, New Delhi	Non-Official Member
10	Representative from the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), New Delhi	Non-Official Member
11	Representative from the India Staffing Federation, New Delhi	Non-Official Member
12	Director General (SS), NSO, MOSPI, New Delhi	Member
13	Director General (ES), NSO, MOSPI, New Delhi	Member
14	Director General (NSS), NSO, MOSPI, New Delhi	Member
15	Director General (Statistics), M/o Labour and Employment, New Delhi	Member
16	DG (Systems, GST), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi	Member
17	ADGs (DQAD / SCD / FOD / PSD / SSD / NAD / ESD), NSO, MOSPI	Member
18	Director, Modelling and Forecasting Division, Department of Statistics & Information Management (DSIM), Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai	Member
19	Deputy Director General, M/o MSME, New Delhi	Member
20	DDG, NSO, DQAD (IS Wing), Kolkata	Member
21	DDG (Industrial Statistics Unit), Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, M/o Commerce & Industry, New Delhi	Member
22	Additional Director General, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi	Member
23	Representative of NITI Aayog, New Delhi	Member
24	Dr. C. P. Chandrasekhar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*	Member
25	Dr. Santosh Kumar Mehrotra, Centre for Informal Sector & Labour Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Member
26	Prof. Hema Swaminathan, Professor, Centre for Public Policy and Management, IIM, Bangalore	Member
27	Dr. Vinish Kumar Kathuria, Associate Professor, SJM School of Management, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, Mumbai	Member
28	ADG (SDRD), NSO, MOSPI, Kolkata	Member Secretary

\*ceased to be act as member, as resigned after notification of the committee.

**Statement referred in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3331 for 09.08.2023**

**The recommendations made by SCES and the action taken by the Ministry**

SI No	Recommendations of SCES	Action taken
1	It was advised to re-examine the data of ASI 2017-18 for some specific cases before finalization of the results.	Observations made by the SCES regarding the final results of ASI 2017-18 were examined. Some schedules were identified and referred back to field for correction. Based on the corrections made by the field, ASI 2017-18 data were revised and the revised data were released after taking concurrence of SCES and necessary administrative approval.
2	In the first meeting of the Standing committee on Economic Statistics, agenda regarding formation of focussed sub-committees to oversee all activities of surveys were presented.	The committee formed three sub-committees with a view to discuss the survey related matters in a more focussed way considering the data requirements, data collection methods using questionnaire keeping in mind the overall requirement of different stakeholders and availability of the same kind of data from different sources. Chairperson of these sub-committees appraised the SCES about the progress made in different survey topics under their jurisdiction as and when required. The SCES then took a final view on the recommendation of these sub-committees.
3	<p>The Committee concurred that it is necessary to implement the recommendations of the 19<sup>th</sup> ICLS in the labour force surveys conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO) and proposed the following arrangement for implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Periodic Labour Force Survey according to the conceptual framework of 19<sup>th</sup> ICLS</li> <li>• Employment-Unemployment survey to be conducted with a regular gap (say, every 5-years) with the usual concepts and definitions as is being used in the labour force surveys by NSO (say, in the quinquennial rounds of employment and unemployment or in PLFS)</li> </ul>	The matter of implementation of 19 <sup>th</sup> ICLS recommendations has been taken up in the Standing Committee on Statistics (SCoS). Employment-Unemployment indicators are released based on Periodic Labour Force Survey which is a regular survey.
4	Possible divergence in the production boundary in SNA-2008 and that used in measurement of different forms of work as per 19 <sup>th</sup> ICLS: In this context, the Committee decided that a note addressing the issue of possible divergence in the production boundary in SNA-2008 and that used in measurement of different forms of work as per 19 <sup>th</sup> ICLS be prepared.	Mentioned note has been prepared.

5	<p>Focused discussion on 19<sup>th</sup> ICLS recommendations: It was decided that to discuss various features of 19<sup>th</sup> ICLS, a focused stakeholders meeting will be held in SCES wherein representative of ILO and Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India will be invited.</p>	<p>Consultation meeting with ILO and representatives of Ministry of Labour and Employment has already been held in February, 2023. The matter of implementation of 19th ICLS recommendations has been taken up in the Standing Committee on Statistics (SCoS).</p>
6	<p>SSD placed requirements of additional indicators</p>	<p>Some additional indicators apart from those presented in the Annual Report of PLFS, have been generated for the period July 2020 - June 2021 and presented in Annual Bulletin, PLFS, 2020-21. Further, information related with some indicators has been collected in Multiple Indicator Survey /Comprehensive Annual Modular Survey.</p>

**Statement referred in reply to part (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3331 for 09.08.2023**

**Composition of Standing Committee on Statistics (SCoS)**

1.	Dr. Pronab Sen, former Program Director, India Team Researcher, International Growth Centre, New Delhi	Chairman (Non-official)
2.	Prof. Sonal De Desai, Professor, National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), New Delhi	Non-Official Member
3.	Dr. Biswanath Goldar, former Professor, Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), New Delhi	Non-Official Member
4.	Dr. S K Sasi Kumar, former Senior Fellow, VV Giri National Labour Institute (VVGNI), NOIDA, UP	Non-Official Member
5.	Prof. S. Chandrasekhar, Professor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai	Official Member
6.	Director General (NSS), NSSO, MoSPI, New Delhi	Official Member
7.	Director General (Statistics), MoSPI, New Delhi	Official Member
8.	ADG, SCD, NSSO, MoSPI, Delhi	Official Member
9.	Executive Director (ED) or his representative, Modelling and Forecasting Division, Department of Statistics & Information Management (DSIM), Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai	Official Member
10.	Dr. Tauqeer Ahmad, Head of Division, Division of Sample Surveys, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI), New Delhi	Official Member
11.	Dr. Sandip Mitra, Associate Professor, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata	Official Member
12.	Prof. Mausumi Bose, professor, Applied Statistics Unit, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata,	Official Member*
13.	Representative from three State DES (including one from NE) on rotational basis where State participation is there.	Official Member
14.	ADG (SDRD), NSSO, MoSPI, Kolkata	Member Secretary
*Prof. Mausumi Bose will be considered as non-official member after her superannuation/retirement.		