

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF A NEW NATIONAL COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to set up a new National Statistical commission; and
- (b) if so, the composition along with its terms of reference ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS.

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(a) & (b) The Government of India, through Resolution No. M/13011/3/99-Admn.IV of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation dated 19th January 2000, established a National Statistical Commission with Dr. C. Rangarajan, Governor, Andhra Pradesh as its part-time Chairman and the following as 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, Indian Agricultural Research Institute and ex-Director, Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute
- (5) Dr. Rakesh Mohan, Director-General, National Council of Applied Economic Research
- (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, National Council of Educational Research and Training
- (11) Dr. Freddie Ardeshir Mehta, Eminent economist and Director, M/s Tata Sons Ltd.

Terms of reference

- (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 decentralised 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.