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NATIONAL POLICY ON DISSEMINATION OF STATISTICAL DATA
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had proposed a National Policy on dissemination of Statistical data;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Policy has come into effect; and
- (d) if so, the current status of its implementation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

- (a) Yes, Sir. A National Policy on Dissemination of Statistical Data already exists.
- (b) The guidelines for implementation of the policy were circulated to all the Central Ministries / Departments and the State/UT governments in May, 1999. Under the policy, the validated unit level data, after tabulation and release of Report, is supplied to the users both within the country and outside the country on payment basis, after taking an undertaking from them to the effect that the data will not be passed on to a third party. However, research institutions entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry can get the data free of cost for specific research projects.
- (c) The policy came into effect from the year 1999.
- (d) Unit level validated data in respect of NSS Socio economic surveys, Annual Survey of Industries, Economic Censuses and Enterprise surveys are being supplied to the users both within the country and outside on payment basis.