

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INDIA STATISTICAL STRENGTHENING PROJECT
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a new scheme "India Statistical Strengthening Project (ISSP)" has been approved recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and
- (c) the composition, terms of reference, aims and objectives and functions of the ISSP?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF COAL AND STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the implementation of the India Statistical Strengthening Project (ISSP), on 19th March, 2010, as a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme, with a total budget of Rs. 650.43 crores of which, 80% would be funded through a World Bank loan, and 20% would be borne by the Government of India. However, in so far as, the 20% component is concerned, the cost on account of the civil infrastructure (except for that on regional training centres) would be shared by the participating States/UTs to the extent of 25% of the expenditure on account of construction activities under the Project, while the Government of India shall bear the remaining 75% of the expenditure on this account. In case of the North-Eastern States and Jammu & Kashmir, the sharing pattern of expenditure on construction activities would be 10:90. This commitment would be besides the other relevant committed obligations of the implementing States/UTs that the States/UTs would need to provide if, when and wherever required the necessary land and/ or buildings, manpower and also meet all the associated recurring expenditure for implementation of the State Strategic Statistical Plan (SSSP) and the specific provisions of the MOU.

(c) The project is designed to help strengthen the capacity and operations of the State Statistical System and improve the coverage and quality of statistics generated by the States. This will help both in compiling national level statistics and in improving State level planning and policy formulation.

It is not a location-specific project. All the States and Union Territories (UTs) of the country are eligible to participate in the project.

The project will be implemented in each participating State according to the State's Strategic Statistical Plan to be formulated based on the overall guidelines contained in the National Strategic Statistical Plan (NSSP). The Project will be implemented in the following broad areas:-

- (i) Improving the Coordination and Management of Statistical Activities in the States/UTs.
- (ii) Human Resource Development.
- (iii) Development of Statistical Infrastructure.
- (iv) Investment in physical infrastructure, including IT; and
- (v) Improving statistical operations.