

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

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

- (a) the details of the International Organisations with which the statistical wing of the Ministry maintains liaison and the purpose thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has achieved any desired results by such liaisoning activities during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government deposes its officers to work in those international organizations abroad;
- (e) if so, the number of officers deputed in each international organization; and
- (f) the number of officers deputed belonging to Minority, OBC, SC, ST and General categories?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) The Statistics Wing of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (called National Statistical Organisation-NSO) maintains liaison with international organisations like Statistics Division of United Nations, World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), International Labour Organisation (ILO), Asian Development Bank(ADB), UN Statistical Institute for Asia and Pacific (SIAP), United Nation Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), World Health Organisation (WHO), Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) etc. for supply of data/reports; development of statistical system including keeping updated with the best international practices, and; developing standard concepts and methods for international comparability in various fields of statistics. The liaison is maintained through exchange of data/reports and attending to international conferences, workshops and seminars etc.

(b) & (c) Maintenance of liaison with the international organisations has helped the NSO in updating the knowledge of officials, improvement in their skills and adoption of international norms and practices in the compilation, analysis and dissemination of statistics.

(d) There is no system of Ministry nominating officers to international organisations for working there. However, based upon the open circulars issued by such organisations, officers apply for the same, and those selected by them are relieved/deputed by the Ministry as per the administrative instructions on the subject.

(e) & (f) Number of officers deputed to international organisations since 2007 has been as follows:

International Organisations Number of officers deputed

ADB 1

UNDP 3

UNICEF 2

UNSIAP 1

IMF 1

ILO 1

Foreign assignment, Govt. of Qatar 1

Foreign Assignment, Govt. of Ethiopia 1

Total 11

All the 11 officers deputed to work in Organisations as above belong to General category.