

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

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

- (a) whether the economic census conducted to seek the information about industrial sector has not been continued after the year 2005;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has contemplated timely economic census in view of expanding industrial sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is facing the shortage of required manpower and resources for economic census; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Yes Sir. The economic census has not been conducted so far after it was conducted in the year 2005, which happened to be the fifth economic census. This census is conducted generally once in five years.

(c) and (d): To provide up-to-date information on number of non-agricultural establishments, number of agricultural establishments excluding crop production and plantation and also number of workers engaged by such establishments, as well as their distribution by State, District and Village/Ward level for comprehensive analysis of the structure of the Economy, it has been decided to conduct the Sixth economic census during October 2012- June 2013. The conduct of Sixth economic census has been approved with an outlay of Rs.763.49 crore.

(e) and (f): The Sixth economic census is to be conducted in collaboration with all the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, who are to engage enumerators and supervisors for conducting the field work. For monitoring of field work, data processing and validation, and writing of reports, it has been envisaged to create an economic census cell in each State/UT and also at the Centre. Accordingly Government has approved creation of 30 posts at the centre and 235 posts in the States/ UTs for the purpose.