

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

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ISSP

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

- (a) the status of the Indian Statistical Strengthening Project in the country especially in Kerala and the details thereof;
- (b) the number of States which have signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with the Ministry for the Project;
- (c) whether any budgetary provision has been made and the funds released to various States during the last year and the current year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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) & (b) India Statistical strengthening Project (ISSP) was approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on March 19, 2010. The activities relating to the preparation of State Strategic Statistical Plans (SSSPs) and the State/UT specific MoUs were taken up subsequently. So far, as on August 27, 2012, the SSSPs of 13 States/UT, namely, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Mizoram, Sikkim, Lakshadweep, Odisha, West Bengal and Jharkhand have been approved. All these States/UT have also signed their respective MoUs under the Project with the Ministry Of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOS&PI). After receiving the first installment of funds released by the Government of India in accordance with the respective MoUs, all these States/UT except Jharkhand have commenced the implementation of the Project. The state of Jharkhand signed its MoU with Government of India recently on August 13, 2012 and the release of the first installment of funds to the State is under processing. For Karnataka, the second installment of funds has also been released. Under the Project, the Government of Kerala signed its MoU with MOS&PI on March 16, 2012, consequently as per the MoU signed, the first installment of Rs. 937.12 Lakhs was released by MOS&PI during March 2012.

(c) & (d) For the year 2011-12, while the Budget Estimate (BE) under the ISSP was Rs. 200.00 Crore and the corresponding Revised Estimate (RE) was Rs. 128.00 Crore. For the year 2012-13, an amount of Rs. 200.00 Crore has been provided at the BE stage and the first installment of funds has been released so far viz. as on August 27, 2012 to the 13 States/UT which have already signed their respective MoU's with MOS&PI except Jharkhand.

No releases have been made under the ISSP Project to any State/UT so far during the year 2012-13. The following table gives details of the funds released by MOS&PI during 2011-12 to various States/UTs, as per the respective State/UT specific MoUs, to facilitate the implementation of the Project viz. ISSP.

State/ UT Funds released by MOS&PI during
2011-12 (in Rs. Lakhs)

Karnataka 899.15

Rajasthan 924.60

Gujarat 1154.64

Andhra Pradesh 1829.70

Bihar 1754.25

Tamil Nadu 1154.40

Mizoram 565.50

Sikkim 479.52

Lakshadweep 37.50

Kerala 937.12

Odisha 1112.064

West Bengal 525.00