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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to conduct its first ever Time-Use Survey to assess the manner in which people spend their day;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the approximate cost of the survey;
- (c) whether the focus of the survey is on women whose activities are not reflected in the GDP;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI), Government of India conducted a pilot Time Use Survey in six states namely Kerala, Meghalaya, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Gujarat in 1998-99. The Ministry is actively considering conduct of country-wide Time Use Survey to assess the manner in which people spend their day.

For conducting the country-wide Time Use Survey, an Expert Group has been constituted by MOSPI with the following terms of reference (TORs) are (i) Finalization of National Classification of Activities for Time Use Surveys (NCATUS); (ii) to recommend the survey methodology and identify agency(ies) for conducting the pilot survey for field testing of the schedule; (iii) Pilot testing of schedules(in 6-7 States/UTs) and finalization of schedule and instruction set for pilot and all India Survey; (iv) to examine if there is need for regular TUS; if yes- periodicity and (v) to estimate the cost of a pilot survey and an all India survey.

A classification of Time Use Activities has since been developed in December 2012. In order to test the classification of activities, draft schedule & instruction manual and methodology, etc., MOSPI had commissioned another pilot Time Use Survey in a smaller scale in the states of Bihar and Gujarat in March 2013. Based on the findings of the pilot, the Expert Group is expected to give the recommendations on the need, periodicity and estimate the cost for a country-wide time use survey.

The proposed survey will capture all activities of both men and women during the day consisting of 24 hours. Time Use Survey (TUS) technique is an important tool for measuring paid and unpaid work of both men and women in a society. TUS provides detailed information on how individuals spend their time, on a daily or weekly basis, and reveals the details of an individual's daily life with a combination of specificity and comprehensiveness, not otherwise achievable through conventional labour and employment surveys.

The proposed Time Use Survey is expected to be completed within two years from the date of commencement of the survey.