

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION  
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1178  
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ONLINE DATA PORTAL FOR CPI  
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**Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the India Post is helping the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) to collect data for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in online portal system and is likely to help CSO improve response significantly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the CSO also aims at using India Post's online portal system to collect industrial output data; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Price data are collected from selected 1181 villages by the Department of Posts for compilation of the monthly Consumer Price Index (Rural) and data are received through the web portal. Monthly all India provisional indices are based on price data of more than 90 % of the total selected villages.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.