

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.614
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2020**

CONSUMER EXPENDITURE SURVEY

614. SHRI ABU HASEM KHAN CHOWDHURY:

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

- (a) the year-wise list of all the surveys conducted by the NSSO since 2014 till date;**
- (b) the year-wise list of all surveys including Consumer Expenditure Survey (2017-18) and the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)(2017-18) conducted by the NSSO during the above period and the reasons for non-acceptance of each report which/whose findings have not been accepted;**
- (c) the specific flaws in the methodology of PLFS (2017-18) and Consumer Expenditure Survey (2017-18) which acted as a contributing factor in the rejection of the report by the Government;**
- (d) whether any changes have been made in the methodologies of the surveys for rectifying/correcting the flaws noticed therein; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND
MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING [RAO INDERJIT SINGH]**

(a) to (c): The year-wise list of all the surveys conducted by the NSSO since 2014 and reports released till date is given in the Statement at Annex.

In case of Enterprise Survey on Services Sector (NSS 74th round (July, 2016 – June, 2017)), it was observed that there were issues in the survey methodology which would not have led to meaningful results and thus only a technical report was brought out. In case of Household Consumer Expenditure Survey, as part of NSS 75th round (July 2017-June 2018), the results were examined and it was observed that there was a significant variation in the levels in the consumption pattern as well as in the direction of the change while comparing with other administrative data sources and its inability to effectively capture the levels of subsidy of goods and services consumed. Thus the survey results could not have been used for the base revision for the macro-economic indicators like Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Index of Industrial Production (IIP), Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and would have led to inaccuracies in the estimates and thus, the report was not released.

In case of Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2017-18, it was observed that the sampling design had changed and led to incomparability with earlier surveys on Employment and Unemployment and this was included in the report released which is also available in the public domain.

(d) & (e): The Government has constituted several Committees / Standing Committee(s) comprising eminent experts / academicians and representatives from major user Ministries / Departments to review the system and methodology relating to the NSS surveys on continuing basis and recommend, inter-alia, the improvements in survey methodology with adequate data quality checks at the data capturing stage.

**Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha
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List of Surveys conducted by the NSSO since 2014 till date is as under:

1. Surveys conducted during 2014:

- i. NSS 71st round (January 2014 - June 2014) on Social Consumption: Education and Social Consumption: Health**
- ii. NSS 72nd round (July 2014 - June 2015) on Domestic Tourism Expenditure Survey and Household Expenditure on Services and Durable Goods**
- iii. Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2013-14 (October 2014 - June 2015)**

2. Surveys conducted during 2015:

- i. Swachh Bharat Survey (May 2015 - June 2015)**
- ii. NSS 73rd round (July 2015 - June 2016) on Survey on Unincorporated Non-agricultural Enterprises (Excluding Construction)**
- iii. Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2014-15 (January 2016 - September 2016)**

3. Surveys conducted during 2016:

- i. NSS 74th round (July 2016 - June 2017) on Enterprises Survey on Services Sector [only technical report released].**
- ii. Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2015-16 (January 2017 - October 2017)**

4. Surveys conducted during 2017:

- i. NSS 75th round (July 2017 - June 2018) on Household Social Consumption on Education, Household Social Consumption on Health**
- ii. Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) launched from April, 2017.**
- iii. Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2016-17 (January 2018 - September 2018)**
- iv. Household Consumer Expenditure Survey as part of NSS 75th round was not released due to data quality issues.**

- 5. Surveys conducted during 2018:**
 - i. NSS 76th round (July 2018 - December 2018) on Survey of Persons with Disabilities and Survey on Drinking Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Housing Condition**
 - ii. Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2017-18 (November 2018 – June 2019)**
 - iii. Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) (2018-2019)**

- 6. Surveys conducted during 2019 [reports will be prepared after processing of data]**
 - i. NSS 77th round (January 2019 - December 2019) on Land and Livestock Holdings of Households and Situation Assessment of Agriculture Households and Debt and Investment Survey. The field work was concluded on 31.12.2019.**
 - ii. Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2018-19 (November 2019 – field work going on)**
 - iii. Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) (2019-2020).**
 - iv. Time Use Survey (January 2019 - December 2019). The field work was concluded on 31.12.2019. The TUS would be conducted once in every three years. The TUS (January 2019 - December 2019) was the first survey.**
 - v. Annual Survey on Un-incorporated Sector Enterprises (October 2019 - March 2020).**