

water prospect zones, inland aquaculture suitability and disaster risk reduction, which indirectly benefits the people.

(b) Yes Sir. In order to promote use of space technology for governance and public administration, Department of Space had formed expert working groups in ISRO for proactive interaction with the Government departments and prepared the joint action plan on "Effective use of Space Technology in Governance & Development". These action plans were deliberated in One Day National Meet held in New Delhi in September 2015, with the participation of all the Central Government Ministries/ Departments. 127 projects emerged out of this Meet, are being executed in the areas of Natural Resources Management, Planning, Monitoring & Decision Making and Disaster Risk Reduction.

Further, to promote utilisation of space technology in State Government Departments, State level workshops have also been conducted in 17 states. Other measures include

- (i) institutionalisation of space applications in many Ministries/Departments,
- (ii) conduct of training sessions on space technology based applications at LBSNAA (DoPT) and training of Deputy Secretaries as part of ISTM Programs (DoPT).

#### **Change in base year**

1093. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN:

DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:

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

- (a) whether Government has decided to change the base year for calculation of GDP and retail inflation to 2017-18 and 2018 respectively;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) by when the above would come into effect;
- (d) whether Government would also release comparable data for previous years and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the reasons for delay in releasing back-series data following the change in the methodology for calculating GDP in 2015?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Base revisions are carried out as per international best practices to take into account structural changes in the economy. As a part of the base revision exercise, methodological improvements and new data sources are considered as per relevant international standards. As most of the data to be used in the exercise may be available during 2019-20, the new series may come into effect during 2020-21.

(d) Yes, Sir. In case of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), back series data from the previous base year is released as per usual practice. In case of Consumer Price Index (CPI), used to assess retail inflation, linking factor is provided for facilitating linkage of the new series with that of previous base year.

(e) Release of back series of GDP with base year 2011-12 has been delayed due to non-availability of the new data sources for the previous base year.

#### **Revision of norms for preparation of GDP**

1094. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up 13 member panel to revise the norms for preparation of GDP at States and district level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to revise the base year for the computation of national income to 2017-18 from the current 2011-12 to better capture economic realities in fast changing world; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has notified the constitution of a Committee for Sub-National Accounts on 27th June, 2018 to suggest, *inter alia*, measures for improving State Domestic Product and District Domestic Product.