

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 157**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2022

**LACK OF A PROPER DATA INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE COUNTRY**

157. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of Statistics and Programme Implementation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that essential data is not being collected in the country and in some cases being collected so poorly that it is leading to inaccurate conclusions and predictions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government is actively suppressing data and refusing to release the Consumption Expenditure Survey (CES) conducted by the National Statistical Office in 2017-18; and
- (d) the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS [RAO INDERJIT SINGH]

(a) & (b): The National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation collects essential data on important subjects like health, education, consumption expenditure, situation assessment of Agricultural households, tourism, Persons with disabilities in India etc. through various rounds of Socio-economic survey. In addition, NSO collects essential data through Periodic Labour Force Survey (on employment), Annual Survey of Industries (Organized Manufacturing Sector), Annual Survey on Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (unorganized sector), Time Use Survey (time disposition) etc. Further, NSO also collects price of various commodities for Consumer Price Index & Wholesale Price Index. NSO collects data through scientific statistical techniques and maintains the quality of data by following the rigorous procedures like field inspections by senior officers, scrutiny of the records and data validation.

(c) & (d): This Ministry has carried out an All-India survey on Household Consumer Expenditure during NSS 75<sup>th</sup> round (July 2017- June 2018). The Ministry has followed a rigorous procedure for vetting of data and reports which are produced through surveys. The results of this survey 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. The matter was also referred to a Committee of Experts which has recommended refining the survey methodology and improving the data quality aspects, and it was decided that the results of Consumption Expenditure Survey 2017-2018 would not be released.

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