

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3726  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024**

**DELAYS IN PUBLICATION OF CONSUMER EXPENDITURE SURVEY AND  
ECONOMIC CENSUS**

**3726. SHRI K C VENUGOPAL:**

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

- (a) whether the timetable to generate primary data are not being rigorously adhered to, leading to delays in publication of consumer expenditure survey and economic census, and affecting the monthly inflation readings and GDP data, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether complaints have been received from the users about the quality of data; and**
- (c) if so, the details of steps taken by the Government to ensure that timeline for generating primary data is strictly followed and the data quality becomes authentic and beyond doubt?**

**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 CULTURE [RAO INDERJIT SINGH]**

**(a): The latest survey on Household Consumption Expenditure (HCES: 2022-23) was conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) during August, 2022 – July, 2023. The findings of this survey were published in the month of February, 2024 in the form of factsheet. The report of HCES 2022-23 has been released in June 2024.**

**MoSPI also undertakes Economic Censuses on a regular periodicity. Field work of last i.e. Seventh Economic Census was conducted during**

**2019-21. Since this period was hit by Covid-19 pandemic and most of the business establishments were closed, the data of 7<sup>th</sup> EC could not be finalized.**

**(b) and (c): No such complaints have been received from the users about the quality of data. Moreover, the data provided by surveys of MoSPI is used by various Central Ministries/Departments, international agencies, etc as the official data source of various key indicators in India. However, MoSPI, being nodal agency for planned development of the statistical system in the country, is also responsible for maintaining the highest standards of data quality. To achieve this, robust and well-defined mechanisms are employed in different statistical products which undergo periodic improvements based on evolving needs, feedback, and advancements in methodologies to enhance their effectiveness. The primary data collection is being done in digital platform using Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) or web-based application with in-built validation mechanism to ensure consistency at the stage of data collection. The accuracy of the data is ensured by multi-level data scrutiny and validation checks. A robust training mechanism is followed to address the conceptual queries and monitoring the data quality. Regular dialogues with data users/stakeholders are also conducted in order to incorporate their feedback and enhance their understanding about the data being published by MoSPI. In addition to this, the reports of surveys of MoSPI are being published as per the timetable prescribed in the Advance Release Calendar 2024-25 available on website of MoSPI.**

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