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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to constitute National Statistical Commission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the main objectives behind constituting this Commission?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) Yes , Sir.

(b) The proposed National Statistical Commission would consist of eminent statisticians and social scientists as part time chairperson and members.

(c) The National Statistical Commission would serve as the nodal and empowered body for all core statistical activities of the country. It will identify the areas of core statistics which are of national importance, evolve national policies and priorities relating to the statistical system, evolve national strategies for the collection, tabulation and dissemination of core statistics apart from evolving standard statistical concepts, definitions, classifications and methodologies in different areas of statistics, and exercise statistical coordination as well as statistical audit to ensure quality and integrity of statistical products.