

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
LOK SABHA**

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MERGER OF CENTRAL STATISTICAL ORGANISATION .
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Union Government has brought in certain changes by combining the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) with any other organisation;
- (b) If so, the details of the merger including creation of a new organisation or authority in view of the above changes; and
- (c) The members of the new venture alongwith the composition, structure and functions of the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In a Resolution dated 1st June, 2005 the Government of India has decided that the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) and National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) will be merged into a single entity called the National Statistical Organisation (NSO).

(c) The National Statistical Organisation (NSO) would be headed by Chief Statistician of India with the rank of Secretary to the Government of India. The NSO will have two wings, namely

(i) Central Statistical Office (CSO) and

(ii) National Sample Survey Office (NSSO). The NSO will function as the executive wing of the Government of India in the field of Statistics.