

Annexure-XVII

Subject: Minutes of Stakeholders Meeting held on 23.6.2011 to review the Draft of PSSSP.

A meeting of all stakeholders to review the draft of “Punjab State Strategic Statistical Plan (PSSSP)” prepared under “India Statistical Strengthening Project (ISSP)” plan was held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Mohan Lal Sharma, Economic Adviser, Govt. of Punjab, on 23.6.2011 at 12.30 p.m. in Hotel Mountview, Chandigarh. The list of participants in this meeting is at Annexure-1.

2. Sh. Harvinder Singh, Joint Director, Economic & Statistical Organisation (ESO), Punjab, welcomed Sh. Inderjit Singh, Deputy Director General (DDG), Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MOSPI), GOI; Secretaries and Head of departments; representatives of Universities, Research Institutes and NGOs and all other participants. He explained the purpose of this meeting and background, importance & present status of ISSP Project.

3. Sh. Mohan Lal Sharma, Economic Adviser, to Govt Punjab in his opening remarks told that this project is an excellent opportunity for the states to strengthen their statistical systems. The statistical system at Central level is already almost streamlined but at the states level, there are various deficiencies in the statistical systems in respect of physical infrastructure, human resources, co-ordination & management, statistical infrastructure and statistical operation. He explained about the status of Punjab in implementation of ISSP project vis-à-vis other states. He told that Punjab is one of the leading states those have already prepared their SSSP reports. He further told that 3 states have already signed the MOU with GOI for the implementation of SSSP. He thanked all the departments for supplying requisite information for the formulation of PSSSP and participating and providing valuable ideas in meetings held during the process of its preparation. He mentioned that now with the cooperation of all line departments the draft of PSSSP is ready which has already been reviewed by the Project Management Team and Key Line Departments in different meetings and suggestions received in these meetings have also been incorporated in this draft.

4. Sh. Inderjit Singh, DDG, CSO, MOSPI, GOI explained about the ISSP project experience of various states, its implementation issues and way ahead. He gave a detailed power point presentation on ISSP project wherein he explained about its objectives; key area of focus; the expenditure pattern of funds; items to be funded by the state Govt; the process of way ahead; the MOU; main components of MOU; issues involved in signing; review and monitoring mechanism at the state level; and progress of ISSP.

5. Sh. Inderjit Singh, DDG mentioned that all the recurring costs associated with the project will be borne by state Govt. Filling up of vacant posts and creation of new required posts is also the responsibility of State Govt. Moreover cost of land and 5% of construction cost will be met by State Govt. if civil infrastructure is proposed.

6. About the MOU, DDG explained that the MOU has to emanate from the SSSP and be based on the activities mentioned in SSSP. It will, inter-alia, contain clear identification of strengths and weaknesses of state statistical system in each development sector and identification of appropriate and devise modalities for remedy. It will also include identification of implementation mechanism by preparing the detailed activity list, alongwith cost involved viz. budget lines and also time lines.

7. Sh. Mohan Lal Sharma, Economic Adviser made a detailed power point presentation on PSSSP covering various points. While explaining the way ahead he informed that the draft PSSSP will be revised on the basis of comments received from the participants in this meeting and accordingly revised draft will be discussed with the MOSPI, GOI. The comments/suggestions of the MOSPI, GOI will also be incorporated in PSSSP and the final draft will be put up in SHLSC meeting for approval. Thereafter approved PSSSP will be sent to MOSPI, GOI and in consultation with MOSPI the MOU will be formulated on the basis of PSSSP. The MOU shall be signed by GOI and Govt. of Punjab (GOP) and thereafter the funds for implementation of PSSSP will be released by GOI to GOP.

8. Sh. Gulshan Kumar, Deputy Director (Stat), Department of Health and Family welfare, Punjab also made a power point presentation on Health Statistics. In his presentation, he described the organisational structure of statistical wing at state, district and sub-district level and he told that the statistical wing is engaged in collection,

compilation, tabulation, processing and dissemination of different types of data related to various health schemes. The main statistical activities of wing are described as under:-

- Vital Statistics
- Medical Statistics
- Health Statistics
- Mother & Child Health/Demography
- Planning/Infrastructure, Manpower Statistics.

9. Sh. Harvinder Singh, Joint Director, ESO invited the comments/suggestions of participants on draft of PSSSP. Following this, there was an open discussion on the PSSSP. The main comments/suggestions made by participants were as under:

9.1 Sh. Gian Singh, Professor, Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala, pointed out that the proposed amount for surveys and studies i.e. Rs. 4.84 crores is not enough for the meaningful studies and surveys. Therefore, this amount should be increased substantially and emphasis of studies and surveys should be on the analysis and interpretation of data and not merely on collection of data. He was also of the view that the official statistical system should be strengthened for the availability of reliable and credible data and the private sector collaboration in data collection for policy decisions at govt. level should be discouraged as it can influence the statistics for their own interests.

9.2 Sh. Amarjit Singh Sethi, Professor, Punjab School of Economics, Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU), Amritsar, commented that the compilation of State Domestic Product (SDP) should be further strengthened to make the SDP more reliable and realistic. The District Domestic Product (DDP) should be compiled at district level by the collection of data at district level. There should be quarterly compilation of State/District Domestic Product. The Estimates of Capital Formation should also be made standardized and compiled and disseminated on regular basis in publications for its use in research work and policy formulation.

9.3 Sh. Charanjit Singh Dhillon, Professor, Punjab School of Economics, GNDU, Amritsar, also pointed out that the proposed budget for studies and surveys is too less which will not serve the purpose of filling of data gaps. It should be increased to more

than 10.00 crores. The studies and surveys may be conducted in collaboration with the universities. He also suggested that the evaluation studies are also very much needed to be conducted for the proper and smooth implementation of the development schemes.

9.4 Dr. T.C. Goyal, Senior Consultant, MGSIPAP appreciated the draft of PSSSP. He expressed that the draft of report is well conceived and if funds are provided on the basis of this draft the statistical system of the state will be suitably strengthened for producing reliable and timely data. He mentioned that timely, reliable and disaggregated data is very crucial for the policy decisions in state. He also brought into notice that the proposed statistics training institute of DES will take 3-4 years for its completion. Upto that period the trainings needs of the statistical personnel cannot be postponed. He offered that MGSIPAP is equipped for providing trainings on statistical matters. Therefore, during this period the services of MGSIPAP can be utilized for the training purposes. Sh. A.S. Alhuwalia, Senior Consultant, MGSIPAP told that he had retired from Labour Bureau and have vast experience of employment & unemployment surveys, price statistics and labour statistics. He offered his services for the proposed surveys and studies on these subjects.

9.5 Sh. Jasvir Singh Chania, Deputy Director (Statistics), Forest Department, Punjab stated that there is an acute shortage of statistical staff in all line departments. The clerical staff is performing the statistical work which is not capable to analyse and interpret the statistical data due to which the quality of data is very poor. He emphasised that the filling up of the vacant statistical posts in the statistical wings of all line departments is more essential than the provision of IT equipments. He also mentioned that there should be common cadre and the new recruitment should be made under common cadre. He suggested that the name of proposed Punjab Statistical Service (PSS) in the PSSSP should be Punjab Economic and Statistical Service.

9.6 Sh. Hari Singh Sodhi, Under Secretary, Revenue, Department of Finance, commented that ministerial staff should be sufficiently provided in the statistical wings of line departments and in ESO alongwith the statistical staff. The vacant posts of this category should also be filled up for the smooth functioning of these cells.

9.7 Sh. Baljinder Singh, Assistant Controller Finance & Account, Transport Department suggested that the nomenclature of Punjab Statistical Service may be replaced by the Punjab Economic & Statistical Service (PESS) for escaping from the technical problem as Punjab Secretariat Service (PSS) already exists in state. He stated that common cadre of the statistical staff is urgently needed in state and the basic qualification of the statistical staff at different posts should be enhanced.

10. Sh. Inderjit Singh, DDG, CSO, MOSPI, GOI responded to some of the important queries of participants as under:

- As suggested by the representatives of universities, studies and surveys may be conducted with the collaboration of universities and reputed research institutes.
- An exclusive Training Institute of Statistics in DES is very much needed as the other training institutes and universities have not specialisation in imparting trainings in official statistics. These training institutes are not statistics oriented institutes and they provide training on other subjects and training on statistics is their marginal activity. As the state have a sufficient number (i.e. 1471) of statistical personnel in state and besides, many non-statistical personnel performing statistical work that need training. So there should be an exclusive Statistical Training Institute in state under the aegis of DES. But this Training Institute may be established as a Regional Training Institute that can provide training services to adjoining states like Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, J&K and U.T.Chandigarh also. But for this purpose the consent of these states/UTs is sought.
- Manpower is the main component of state statistical system. Provision of sufficient staff in light of ISSP project activities is the responsibility of State Govt. So DES and all the line departments should persuade this matter with state Govt. through their administrative departments. The state Govt. should fill up all the vacant statistical posts in DES and line departments on priority basis.
- For the success of ISSP project there should be common cadre in state.

11. Sh. M.L. Sharma, Economic Adviser clarified the remaining queries of participants as under:-

- As most of the representatives are of the views that the proposed budget for surveys and studies are not sufficient. Keeping this in views this budget will be increased under PSSSP.

- District Domestic Product (DDP) Estimates are not yet prepared at District levels. These are prepared at state level by bifurcating the sector and industry-wise State Domestic Product among districts in proportion to various ratios. Now under the Thirteenth Finance Commission recommendations the compilation of DDP at district level is an objective and for this a grant of Rs. 20.00 crores is going to be provided by GOI to state Govt. to create required infrastructure for this purpose. Following this the DDP will be compiled at district level on the basis of original data collected from districts. But as far as the compilation of State/District domestic products estimates on quarterly basis on CSO pattern is concerned it is not possible due to constraint of shortage of manpower at state and district level. The compilation of capital formation is a regular feature of DES and it is published in annual publication.
- The nomenclature of the proposed Punjab Statistical Service will be changed in report.
- The process of creation of common statistical cadre in the state is under process and during the implementation of PSSSP this process will be expedited at higher level.
- Till the Statistical Training Institute is not established the services of MGSIPAP will be utilised for the statistical and IT training purpose.

12. At the end, Sh. Gulshan Kumar, Dy. Director (stat.), Health & Family Welfare Deptt. thanked all the participants for participation and providing valuable and useful suggestions in the meeting.

The meeting ended with thanks to chair.

Annexure-1

List of participants in the stakeholders meeting held on 23.6.2011 to review the draft of PSSSP under ISSP

SN	Name	Designation	Department
1	Sh. Inderjit Singh	Dy. Director General	CSO, MOSPI, GOI New Delhi
2	Sh. Samir Kumar, IAS	Secretary	Home, Civil Secretariat
3	Sh. Gurkirat Kirpal Singh, IAS	Director	Social Security & Welfare
4	Sh. Raminder Singh, IAS	Director	Local Govt.
5	Sh. P.S. Mand, IAS	Labour Commissioner	Labour
6	Sh. G.S. Bahia, PCS	Joint Secretary	Agriculture
7	Ms Indu Mishra, PCS	Director	Welfare of SC & BC
8	Sh. Gobinder Singh	Legal Remembrancer	Legal & Legislative Affairs
9	Sh. Gautam Cheema	DIG/Prov.	DGP, Punjab
10	Sh. Roop Kumar Arora	AIG, Prisons, Pb.	DGP, Prisons Pb.
11	Sh. A.S. Sauk	Director	Prosecution
12	Sh. Harish Nayyar	Addl. Labour Commissioner	Labour
13	Sh. Hari Singh Sodhi	Under Secretary	Revenue & Finance Control
14	V.S. Dhaliwal	Addl. A.G.	Advocate General
15	Dr. A.K. Nayyar	Director	Health Services
16	Sh. L.S. Brar	Director	Horticulture
17	Sh. Navneet Kukreja	Director	NIC
18	Sh. Anil Kumar Sondhi	Chief Conservator of Soils	Soil & Water Conservation
19	Sh. H.S. Sidhu	Additional Director	Food & Civil Supplies
20	Sh. Lakha Singh Toor	Addl. Director	Deptt. of Welfare of SC & BC
21	MS Suman Bansal	Additional Registrar	Co-operative Societies
22	Er. Kamaljit Singh	Senior XEN	CE/Planning Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd. Patiala
23	Sh. V.K. Garg	Dy. Chief Engineer (Planning)	Punjab State Power Corporation, Ltd. Patiala
24	Sh. Jasbir Singh Jassi	Executive Engineer	PWD, PRBDB, Mohali
25	Sh. Ajinder Singh	G.M.	Pb. Schedule Caste Corp.
26	Sh. Rajneesh Chander	Statistician	Agriculture
27	Sh. Gulshan Kumar	Dy. Director	Health
28	Dr. Narinder Pal Thamman	Dy. Director	Animal Husbandry
29	Dr. Jasvir Singh Chanian	Dy. Director	Forest Deptt.
30	Sh. J.S. Mann	Dy. Director	Dairy Development
31	Sh. Jatinder Tung	Dy. Director	Rural Dev. & Panchayat
32	Sh. Ram Singh	Dy. Director (Data)	Industries & Commerce
33	Sh. Vijay Kumar Jindal	Chief Accounts Officer	Punjab S.C.F.C.
34	Er. Ratesh Garg	SDE	Chief Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation
35	Sh. Hrinder Singh Bajwa	D.T.P.	Chief Town Planner
36	Sh. Anil Dogra	Principal System Analyst	NIC Punjab
37	Sh. Balwinder Singh	Assistant Controller (FCA)	Transport

	Matharoo		
38	Sh. Mohan Lal Ahuja	DCFA	Pepsu Road Transport Corp.
39	Dr. K.K. Ganguar	Sr. Programme Officer	Pb. State Council for Science & Technology
40	Sh. Jasbir Singh Bedi	DCFA	Pepsu Road Transport Corp.
41	Sh. Gian Singh	Field Officer	Horticulture Deptt.
42	Smt. Rupinder Kaur	Employment Generation & Training Officer	Employment Generation & Training Deptt.
43	Smt. Kamla Joshi	Senior Assistant	Employment Generation & Training Deptt
44	Smt. Renu Kamra	Statistical Officer	DPI(S)
45	Smt. Pushpinder Kaur	Statistical Officer	Sarv Siksha Abhiyan, 104-106, Sector-34A
46	Sh. S.S. Mann	Project Officer	Registrar ,Co-operative Societies
47	Sh. Jaswinder Singh	Fisheries Ext. Officer	Fisheries Deptt.
48	Sh. Balwinder Singh	Sr. Assistant	Dairy Development Deptt.
49	Sh. Adarsh K. Bhaskar	Astt. Manager	Deptt. of Information and Technology
50	Sh. Harpal Singh	Sr. Research Officer	Health & Family Welfare
51	Sh. Jatinder Kumar	Statistical Assistant	Health & Family Welfare
52	Sh. A.P.S. Virk	Technical Assistant	Animal Husbandry Deptt.
53	Sh. Deepak	Statistical Assistant	Fisheries Deptt.
54	Sh. Bhagat Singh	Supdt. Grade-I	Home Deptt. Civil Sectt
55	Sh. Ram Kumar	Senior Assistant	- do-
56	Sh. Raj Mal	Supdt. Grade-I	Home Deptt.(Judicial-I Br.)
57	Dr. Poonam Kataria	Senior Economist	Pb. Agricultral University, Ludhiana
58	Dr. Gian Singh	Professor	Deptt. of Economics, Pbi University ,Patiala
59	Dr. Kesar Singh Bhangru	Professor	Deptt. of Economics, Pbi University ,Patiala
60	Dr. Amarjit Singh Sethi	Professor	Pb. School of Economics GND, University, Amritsar
61	Dr. S.S. Dhillon	Professor	Pb. School of Economics GND, University
62	Dr. T.C. Goyal	Senior Consultant	MGSIPAP Chandigarh
63	Sh. A.S. Ahuwalla	Senior Consultant	MGSIPAP Chandigarh
64	Sh. Parmvir Singh	Research Investigator	CRRID
65	Dr. P.P. Balan	Project Director	CRRID
66	Sh. Kulwinder Singh Dhaliwal	Programme Incharge	Progressive Youth Forum, Patiala
67	Sh. Robin Gupta	G.M.	Mehar Baba Charitable Trust Bassi Pathana (FGS)
68	Sh. Tirath Singh	Director	ESO Punjab
69	Sh. Parminder Singh Walia	Joint Director	ESO Punjab
70	Sh. Harvinder Singh	Joint Director	ESO Punjab
71	Sh. Jagdeep Singh	Dy. Economic & Statistical Adviser (Dy.ESA)	ESO Punjab
72	Smt. Kuldeep Kaur	Dy.ESA	District Statistical Officer,

			(DSO) Patiala
73	Sh.Paramjeet Singh	Dy.ESA	DSO,Firozpur
74	Sh.Harjinder Singh	Dy.ESA	DSO,Amritsar
75	Sh. Lakhwinder Singh	Dy.ESA	DSO,Tarn Taran
76	Smt. Bhupinder Kaur	Dy.ESA	DSO,Jalandhar
77	Smt.Baljeet Kaur	Dy.ESA	ESO Punjab
78	Smt.. Parminder Kaur	Dy.ESA	DSO, Barnala
79	Smt. Rani	Dy.ESA	DSO, Kapurthala
80	Smt.Harjinder Kaur	Dy.ESA	ESO Punjab
81	Sh. Kanwaljit Singh	Dy.ESA	DSO,Fatehgarh Sahib
82	Smt. Krishna Devi	Dy.ESA	DSO,Ludhiana
83	Sh. Iqbal Singh	Dy.ESA	DSO,Faridkot
84	Smt. Deepinder Kaur	Dy.ESA	DSO,SBS Nagar
85	Sh. Pritpal Singh	Dy.ESA	DSO, Mansa
86	Sh.Avtar Singh	Dy.ESA	DSO,Moga
87	Sh.Ram Lubhaya	Dy.ESA	DSO,Rupnagar
88	Sh. Ashok Kumar	Dy.ESA	DSO, Gurdaspur
89	Sh.Ashok Chatani	Dy.ESA	DSO, Mukatsar
90	Sh.Gurmeet Singh	Research Officer	ESO Punjab
91	Sh.Pritam Singh	Research Officer	ESO Punjab
92	Smt. Rajinder Kaur	Research Officer	ESO Punjab
93	Sh.Devinder Kumar	Research Officer	ESO Punjab
94	Sh.Ajmer Singh	District Statistical Officer	DSO Sangrur
95	Sh. Ravinder Pal Dutta	Assistant Research Officer(ARO)	DSO Hoshiarpur
96	Sh. Kuldeep Kumar	ARO	ESO Punjab
97	Smt. Meena Rani	ARO	ESO Punjab
98	Sh.Swaran Singh	ARO	ESO Punjab
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