

Annexure-V

Draft Letter of Participation (LOP) from State/UT Governments for the India Statistical Strengthening Project (ISSP) to the Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Govt. of India.

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This is to state that the Government of Punjab (name of the State/UT) agrees to participate in the India Statistical Strengthening Project (ISSP), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Government of India.

2. The Government of Punjab (name of the State/UT) accepts that in order to make this Project successful and to deliver the desired outcomes the following measures would be needed to be implemented by the State/UT:

- i. The State/UT Government should subscribe and conform to the national vision and the strategic Statistical Plan (NSSP) of the Government of India.
- ii. The State Government should identify and designate an agency, if already not done so, as the nodal agency for all the statistical matters in the State/UT, along the line of the Central Statistical Organizations (CSO) in the Central Government and necessary orders would have to be passed.
- iii. The State/UT Government should designate a single nodal agency of the State/UT Government for the purpose of the Project and to be a Point of Interaction (PoI) with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. An exclusive/dedicated budget line for the ISSP should be created to be managed by the designated nodal agency.
- iv. The State/UT Government will need to establish a high level Steering Committee for the Project under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary with a representative of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. This Steering Committee would need to be empowered to issue necessary direction to all participating Departments/Agencies of the State/UT Government concerned with statistical matters.
- v. The State/UT Government would need to develop/formulae a State Strategic Statistical Plan (SSSP) drawn on the basis of the broad directions contained in the NSSP and the State/UT – specific reports prepared by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation for each State/UT. The State/UT should incorporate within these broad framework the specific needs and priorities of the State/UT Government in terms of other statistics.

- vi. The State/UT Government in consultation with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation would need to develop an appropriate Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of India with regard to Implementation of the State Strategic Statistical plan (SSSP) within the limits of the project.
 - vii. The State/UT Government would need to provide if, when and wherever required, the necessary land and/or buildings, manpower and also meet all associated recurring expenditure for the implementation of the SSSP and the specific provisions of the MoU.
 - viii. The State/UT Government would need to collect, compile and disseminate the stipulated data/statistics as prescribed in the MoU in accordance with the norms and standard as may be issued from time by the Government of India.
3. The Government of Punjab has considered the above requirement and agrees to comply with them.
4. The Government of Punjab expects the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Govt. of India, on its part, to provide the necessary technical and financial assistance to meet the non recurring expenditure for implementing the ISSP by the State/UT within the limits of the Project.

Sd/- (10-05-08)

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Chief Secretary

Government of Punjab