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D.O. I-12012/12/2015-ISSP (UP)

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Dear AM,

This is with reference to D.O. No. I-12012/12/2015-ISSP (UP) dated 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2018. As you are aware, under the "Support for Statistical Strengthening" (SSS) sub scheme of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), a revised MoU has been signed on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 between the State of Uttar Pradesh (UP) and MoSPI, an allocation of Rs 43.76 crores has been made to the State. An amount of Rs 10.94 crores has also been released to Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), UP to enable them initiate the activities envisaged under the MoU. As emphasized in the aforesaid letter, this project requires continuous monitoring at the highest level.

2. A joint review meeting was held with the officials of DES, Uttar Pradesh on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 to discuss the progress of the SSS sub-scheme. It was observed that the progress in respect of the pending activities was extremely slow. The minutes of the meetings are enclosed for your reference.

3. I would like to request you to kindly take up the issue with officials of DES & also intervene in regular monitoring of the progress of the sub scheme to ensure the timely achievements of the targeted outcomes.

With regards

Yours Sincerely  
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## **Minutes of the Joint Review Meeting with DES, UP regarding implementation of Support for Statistical Strengthening (SSS) sub scheme held on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019**

A joint review meeting was held in the chamber of DDG(ISSP) with DES-UP, to review the progress of status of implementation of SSS sub scheme in UP. The meeting was attended by Shri A.K.Pandey, Additional Director and Shri Vinod Kumar, Deputy Director from DES, UP. The meeting was also attended by Smt. Neha Srivastava, Joint Director (ISSP) along with Ms. Anjali Srivastava, Mr. Vimal Chauhan and Mr. Rajan, JSOs(ISSP).

In the beginning DDG(ISSP) expressed his serious concern over the extremely slow progress of SSS sub scheme in UP. Details of activity-wise Status/Progress were sought from DES-UP and they apprised the following:

- I. The slow Progress was mainly due to the delay in scheduling the meeting of State Implementation Committee (SIC) and finalization of its minutes.
- II. Seven offline/online data entry modules namely CPI, WPI, ASI, IIP, 47 essential Prices, Rural wages, Urban Wages had been developed through Uttar Pradesh development system co. Ltd (UPDESCO) which is an undertaking of Dept. of IT, GoUP. The final payment (approx. Rs. 32 lakh) to UPDESCO in this regard is yet to be made.
- III. Two data entry modules on local bodies data and budget classification had been developed in-house through technical staff of DES.
- IV. A GIS based planning/ maintenance and management portal comprising of infrastructure/services/amenities related data of 93 dept. at village level is envisaged to be developed through Remote Sensing Agency, Lucknow, which is an agency of dept. of IT, GoUP. The technical support for this project is being provided by BISAG, an entity of Govt of Gujarat. This portal is being developed as a part of State Statistical Portal.
- V. The approval of the State competent authorities for conducting the following five studies proposed under item 3 has been obtained:
  1. Study on interstate trade to assess value of goods imported to and exported from State- on the basis of secondary data sources but may involve some primary data collection depending on the methodology/parameter chosen.
  2. Compilation of an IOTT table for the State economy- on the basis of secondary data source.
  3. Study on estimation on rent on dwellings-Rural and Urban- on the basis of secondary data sources but may involve some primary data collection depending on the methodology/.parameter chosen.
  4. Compilation of Estimates of savings at state level- on the basis of secondary data sources but may involve some primary data collection depending on the methodology/.parameter chosen.

5. Study to assess the intra-household variations in consumption, educational and economic attainments in different categories of households-- on the basis of secondary data sources .

The expected date of completion of these studies is Dec, 19

- VI. The Poverty and social monitoring survey has been completed and report writing is in process. Under this survey about 2500 households have been covered and data was available at village/block level. The report writing is being done in-house by personnels of DES and is expected to be completed by June, 2019.
- VII. Approval for conducting the following 2 Surveys under item 8 has also been obtained:
1. Survey on the plywood /khair industry -to know the quantity of raw material consumed by it are sourced through U.P. forest.
  2. Survey for estimation of area and production of selected Vegetable/Floriculture Crops in State -a limited survey will be undertaken to assess area and production of select flower/vegetable crops and emerging crop like Mushroom production.
- The time of completion of above two studies is three months and likely to be completed by Sept. 19.
- VIII. About 400 newly appointed ASOs of DES, UP were proposed to be trained in 10 batches of 40 each under the item HRD issues. The proposed duration of Induction Training is 21 days and these trainings are likely to start from May, 2019. The DES was contemplating hiring of services of institutes like **Giri Development Study centre**, Lucknow and **Lucknow and Govind Ballabh Pant social science centre**, Allahabad for conduction of Induction trainings.
- IX. The activity of Skill development of youth in Data collection and sampling techniques was envisaged to be continued through Giri institute of social science, Lucknow. 20 sessions of 40 participants each are proposed across districts. The services of these youths were envisaged to be used in conducting statistical surveys/studies in the State.
- X. The mapping and acreage estimation of selected crop at block level using remote sensing and GIS techniques was being done through Institute of Remote Sensing, Lucknow. The field work of the study was going on and both Rabi and Kharif season are to be covered in the activity. This activity was expected to be completed by March, 2020
- XI. The activity of estimation of sub-state level estimation of Socio economic (component 5) by using small area techniques was being conducted through Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow. The activity expected to be completed by Jan, 2020.
- XII. Under the component 6 of Regular/ periodic user producer dialogues, 3 workshops have been planned at Greater Noida, Kanpur and Varanasi.

- XIII. Under the component 7, the activity of publication of theme based statistical books envisaged to be conducted by hiring researchers and making use of existing data available with DES-UP.
- XIV. Under the activity of digitization of publication was envisaged to be conducted through UPDESCO and expected duration of the activity is b/w April to June.

The ISSP Unit made the following observations/ suggestions for expediting various activities:

- I. DES-UP may consider formation of expert committees/ Technical Advisory Groups for providing guidance in undertaking various surveys/studies proposed under the sub-scheme. The Ministry of Finance O.M. Dated 12th April, 2017 may be referred in relation to the provision of sitting fee to non-official members of the technical advisory group/committee.
- II. DES- UP may consider organising of activities proposed under item-6 (user producer dialogues) and item-9(advocacy issues) through universities / academic institutes of state /central govt.
- III. DES- UP may consider internship programmes for undertaking activities like development of new statistical tools and usage in improving reliability in existing data product by consultations and collaboration with universities/research institutes (item-6).
- IV. DES-UP may consider formation of technical groups for conducting studies which involve Desk work only.
- V. DES-UP may like to refer the methodology and questionnaire of all India Time Use Survey for suitably incorporating in the survey for assessing socio economic condition of women in the State.
- VI. As the time period of the scheme is till March, 2020, DES- UP was asked to prioritize various activities indicating specific plan of implementation along with clear-cut timelines for completion of each of the activities listed in the MoU and provide the same to the Ministry within one week time.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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