

I PARTICULARS OF ORGANISATION, FUNCTIONS.

The Department of Economics and Statistics in Himachal Pradesh is functioning since the year 1955-56. Hon'ble Chief Minister is the minister-in-charge of the Department. The Principal Secretary (Fin, E&S) is the Administrative Secretary of the department. The Economic Adviser is the Head of Department.

Functions of the Department

The subjects allotted to this department according to "The Business of the Government (Allocation) Rules 1971" are as below:-

- i) State Income estimation
- ii) Public Finance
- iii) Socio-Economic Surveys
- iv) Rural Development statistics
- v) Census of H.P. Employees
- vi) Official Statistics
- vii) Prices Statistics
- viii) Labour Statistics
- ix) Factory Statistics
- x) Statistical Training
- xi) Evaluation of Programmers
- xii) Co-ordination between Statistical work of other departments
- xiii) Village Directories
- xiv) Establishment, budget & account matters.
- xv) Classification of H.P. Government budget and budget of local bodies.

Besides above the department was allotted some additional subjects after the year 1971:-

- i) National Sample Survey
- ii) Tribal research/studies
- iii) Housing & Building Statistics
- iv) Capital Formation
- v) Collection, compilation & Monitoring of Special Component Plan in the Districts. (Now this has been handed over to Welfare Department).
- vi) Collection of all types of statistics at block level
- vii) Index of Industrial Production
- viii) Computerisation of data
- ix) District Income Estimation

- x) Compilation of Pensioner's data.
- xi) Economic Census.

The main functions of the Department are to build firm and broad bank for the Pradesh so as to serve as useful data base for all plan and policy formulations, bring out the estimates of GSDP/State Income and the economic growth, conduct of various studies and Surveys and coordinate various Statistical activities of different departments in the state.

1. Estimation of State Income and District Income

The most important work of the department is to estimate the State Income / District Income which has now being recognized significant and reliable indicators to measure the economic growth of the state. These estimates are presented in the Economic Survey during budget session of Vidhan Sabha every year. Special expertise is involved in this very voluminous and huge calculative work to find out the income generated, contribution and rate of growth under different sectors of the economy. No developmental scheme can be made successful without properly assessing the contribution/ growth scenario of the sector to which the schemes pertain. The state income estimates also help in studying the sectoral /regional imbalances, formulation of taxation policies and receiving central grants etc.

2. Public Finance

The economic/ purpose classification of Govt. Budget and Local Bodies is done every year by the department which is very important for understanding and analyzing the flow of Govt. funds under various heads/ sub-heads. For the understanding of Govt. Budget at a glance, a publication "Budget-in-Brief" is prepared for presentation in Budget session which depicts a summarized picture of state budget. Besides this the publication "Economic Classification of Himachal Pradesh Govt. Budget" and "Local Bodies Budget" are also brought out every year.

3. Estimation of Capital Formation

Department also undertakes the work of estimation of Capital Formation every year. Due to paucity of staff and other essential pre-requisites, the department has to prepare the estimates of Capital Formation for Govt. sector only. Corporate and Households sector estimates could not be initiated.

4. State Storehouse of Data

Department is making concerted efforts to collect, scrutinize, analyse and interpret all sorts of General Statistics which is disseminated to planners /policy makers and scholars through various publications viz; (i) Statistical Out line (ii) Brief Facts (iii) Statistical Abstract of State and Pamphlets/ handouts of various types and other district/ block level Statistical Abstract of state and publications etc.

5. National Sample Survey

Himachal Pradesh started participating in the National Sample Survey programme from 27th round i.e. 1972 and has now entered into 68th round in July, 2011. The National Sample Survey work involves the field study on various subjects assigned during the round which is done on sample matching basis as allotted by Govt. of India. This voluminous work involves door to door approach for which large numbers of field functionaries are required. After field work the filled in schedules are thoroughly scrutinized. This exercise needs sufficient man power. The Department has now started the tabulation of these schedules at headquarters itself. The results of these surveys are used for estimation of Consumption Expenditure/ Poverty line and other Plan Indicators.

6. Census of Himachal Pradesh Employees

Department conducts an annual census of all Himachal Pradesh Government Employees as on 31st March. The information as received from different Departments, Corporations, Public Undertakings and Local Bodies is scrutinized and tabulated and presented in a compact form. In this context publication viz; "Census of Himachal Pradesh Government Employees" is brought out every year. The department has also started to collect data about Sanctioned Posts also for further budget assessment on yearly basis.

7. Collection of Prices Statistics

The weekly prices of sixteen essential commodities are collected from all districts of Himachal Pradesh through departmental website and sending it to Principal Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh.

8. Rural Development Statistics

The department collects block wise data to be presented in Block Level Publications. Like Block level Development Indicator publications brought out by Distt. Statistical office.

9. Industrial Statistics

The department compiles all type of half yearly/annual labour returns of various factories for submission to Labour Bureau and has also initiated the work regarding the construction of Index of Industrial Production. Compiles Annual and Half Yearly Labour Returns received from Chief Inspector of Factories which after compilation is transmitted to Labour Bureau, Govt. of India.

10. Tribal Statistics

Department collects and compiles data relating to tribal areas and prepares the publications Tribal Out-Line.

11. Library and Reference Room

The department maintains a very good library having books on Economics, Mathematics, Commerce, Statistics, Planning and other related subjects. The department is also contributing for different periodical journals on Economic Planning and Development and other subjects.

12. Surveys and Evaluation Studies

This Department conducted evaluation studies on (1) "Towards patient centered health services in Himachal Pradesh-a scale to measure patient perceptions of quality and Delivery of Services" for Health Department (2) "to assess the consumer awareness & satisfaction level in respect of quantity & quality of food grain items Under Public distribution system in Himachal Pradesh" for Department of Food and Civil Supplies (3) State Panchayat Survey (Basic Statistical for Local Level Development (village level data for 2008-09): Block level indicators have been prepared for all the 77 blocks. On the basis of revised methodology list of backward has been prepared and submitted to planning department;(4) Basic Statistics for local level Development (BSLLD CSO): Pilot Scheme for Basic Statistics for Local Level Development (BSLLD) has been launched in district Mandi, after scrutiny, data entry work and generation of tables report writing work had been done and report submitted to CSO New Delhi(5) Pilot Survey on Evaluation of Workload on Revenue Officers/Officials in Himachal Pradesh had been done and submitted to Chief Secretary of Himachal Pradesh.

13. Housing and Building Statistics

Under the three tier system of collection of Housing and Building Statistics of National Building Organisation (N.B.O)., the department collects and compiles the Housing and Building Statistics for all the newly constructed buildings in both public and private sectors.

14. Economic Census

Economic Census is the official count of all the economic enterprises in both organised and un-organised sectors (excluding crop production and plantation) and is conducted in the state as per guideline of Government of India after a span of 5 or 10 years. This year department has initiated preliminary work relating to 6th Economic Census.

Besides bringing out its regular Annual publication viz; "**Economic Survey of H.P.**" which is presented every year in the budget session of Vidhan Sabha, regular district publications like "Statistical Abstract", "District at a Glance" are also brought out by the district offices every year.

15. Other Misc. Work

Department has also important involvement in other misc. works like Population Census, Crop Cutting experiments, other surveys and studies conducted by other departments.

Additional work

Central Statistical Organization (CSO, under, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation Government of India has also directed all the states to take up the following assignments.

(i) India Statistical Strengthening Project (ISSP):- Under this, the Department is working on 20 key indications with the help of other line departments. It is a world bank assisted project under which strengthening of this Department and other line departments is proposed.

(ii) Working on Recommendations of 13th Finance Commission- For improving the Statistical infrastructure in state Headquarter and District is under progress. Some indicator has also prescribed by 13th Finance Commission on which work is under progress.

(iii) (Quarterly estimates of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP).

(iv) (Construction of Building Cost Index Number .

(v) Estimation of Capital Formation in Household & Corporate sector.**District Statistical Offices:**

All the above functions at the district level are done by the district offices. DSOs are also doing the other works which are being assigned to them by the District Administration.

The department being the central store house for all kind of data tries to fulfill all the requirements of Govt. for sound data base. For this purpose, the Department brings out a number of Publications on regular/adhoc basis, based on the secondary data collected from different Government Departments, which give Statistical information on various sectors of economy. The data is somewhat easily available from Govt. and the organised sectors but for unorganized sectors the data is to be collected from the primary sources through various surveys and studies which this deptt. in the state does through National Sample Surveys and other Adhoc surveys and studies.

This Department also has been declared as the “Nodal-Agency” for the statistical activities of all the departments in the state. All the requisite help and guidance in their statistical activities is made available to them from time to time whenever required. Such help is also made available to them through the District Statistical Officers.