

Availability of reliable data of grass-root level pertaining to different sectors of economy is necessary for formulation and implementation of any development programme & for development. In order to the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), Government of India, launched Economics Census since 1977 in collaboration with the State Statistical Departments.

Though a fairly good system of agricultural statistics has been built up over the decades, there exist no such system of flow of reliable data from the unorganized non-agricultural sector of economy of the states.

It may however be noted that in registered sector, data on factories mines, railways, civil aviation, state transport undertakings, banks, registered educational institutions and hospitals have been collected on regular basis.

Some sporadic attempts were made to fill the data-gap relating to un-organised sector of non-agricultural sector through National Sample Survey (NSS) during 1959 – 75.

In order to have the comprehensive data on an un-organised sector, the countrywide Economic Census were conducted in 1977, 1980, 1990 and 1998. The 5th Economic Census (2005) was conducted from 15th May to 15th June 2005 throughout the state of Tripura by the Directorate of Economics & Statistics under the technical guidance of the Economics Census Division, Central Statistical Organisation, Government of India.

The main objective of the 5th Economic Census is to provide information on enterprise like location, nature of operation, type of ownership, power / fuel used as well as number of persons employed regularly and on hired basis etc. Another objective of the Economics Census is to provide detailed information for follow-up surveys to be undertaken by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) on major sector of non-agricultural economy like trade, manufacturing, hotel & restaurant, transport, storage and warehousing etc.

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