

India Statistical Strengthening Project (ISSP):-

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has initiated action to launch a two-phased World Bank funded India Statistical Strengthening Project (ISSP). The long-term objective of the ISSP is to help in implementing the proposal of the National Statistical Commission (NSC) to “provide, within the decentralized structure of the system, reliable, timely and credible social and economic statistics to assist decision making within and outside the Government, stimulate research and promote informed debate relating to conditions affecting people’s life”.

The ISSP has a 2 – Tier approach for implementation. Considering the importance of the States in the System “Study for identifying Specific Requirements of Strengthening of State Statistical Bureaus “ has been identified as one of the five priority areas for implementation of Tier – I activities of “India Statistical Strengthening Project” The study aims at identifying the need of Strengthening of State Statistical System so that CSO can evolve strategy for developing the State Statistical System with a common minimum standard to meet the data requirements of data users and agencies. The Contract for the Study has been awarded to M/s. JPS Associates (Pvt) Ltd., a Delhi based Consultancy Agency. The Agency visited DES, Puducherry and line Departments during July 2005 for collection of information and DES officials provided detailed information on the present statistical set up existing in the U.T, data strengths and data deficiencies, and the requirement of Manpower/IT/Infrastructure/Financial resources for strengthening the present statistical set up in the Union Territory. On the basis of the information furnished by DES, the Agency has prepared and submitted a detailed report to MoSPI along with the recommendations for strengthening of the U.T statistical system.

2007-08: Under phase II of Tier I of the ISSP Project, MoSPI has been engaged in the process of synthesis of the State / U.T. reports viz., “Study for Identifying Specific Requirements of Strengthening of State Statistical Bureaus” with the technical support and assistants drawn from some subject matter experts. The Govt. of India has prepared a concept paper for the ISSP and a Strategic Statistical Plan (SSP). To solicit the considered views and invaluable suggestions of the DESs / Senior officers working in CSO and NSSO/Planning Departments/ Senior officers of the ISS posted at State

capitals/and State/UT DESs , a One day Orientation- cum -Familiarization workshop at New Delhi was conducted by CSO on 10.12.2007 at New Delhi. Director DES participated in the important workshop and offered his views in respect of the U.T. of the Puducherry.