



Brief Report on Pre-testing of Schedule of Household Income Survey

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BACKGROUND OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME SURVEY:

The National Sample Survey (NSS) is internationally recognized for the pioneering scale and scope of its household surveys, conducted annually and quarterly on a wide range of subjects since its inception. The first survey was launched in 1950 and since then NSS has played a crucial role in providing data-driven insights for policymaking. However, despite its extensive experience NSS has not yet undertaken a comprehensive full-fledged survey on income distribution. Recognizing the growing significance of such data, NSS acknowledges the urgent need for a dedicated income distribution survey to better understand the profound structural changes that have occurred in the Indian economy over the past 75 years.

The household income survey is an important initiative of the Ministry to generate vital information for deriving income distribution and welfare thereof. MoSPI in past has made efforts for collecting information on household income along with the consumer expenditure surveys on experimental basis in various rounds. Experience from these surveys showed that there were difficulties in collecting reliable income data in the field and to overcome these issues and having more clarity in the survey procedures. To oversee the overall activities of the Household Income Survey and in view of the experiences of survey conducted by countries like Australia, USA, Canada and South Africa, MoSPI has constituted a Technical Expert Group (TEG) under the Chairmanship of Dr. Surjit S. Bhalla, Former Executive Director of India, International Monetary Fund. The TEG will guide the National Statistics Office towards conducting an all-India income distribution survey, tentatively scheduled for 2026.

The Expert Group will provide guidance with regard to finalisation of concepts and definitions, preparation of the survey method and instruments, sampling design and method of estimation, and incorporate best country practices as adopted across the world. The survey will also strive to assess impact of adoption of technology on household income (wages). The TEG will also provide guidance for finalization of the survey results and report for release. As recommended by the TEG, a pre-testing exercise of the schedules for the Household Income Survey planned to be launched in 2026 was undertaken and the findings of the pre-test are included in this report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- ✓ A pre-testing exercise of the schedules for the Household Income Survey planned to be launched in 2026 was undertaken during 4 - 8 August 2025 with the objective of assessing the survey instrument in terms of clarity, comprehension, interpretability and acceptability.
- ✓ The exercise was carried out across 15 Regional Offices (ROs), including Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, among others, covering all six Zones under the Field Operations Division of the National Statistics Office.
- ✓ In each selected RO, two urban and two rural localities were chosen with a mix of affluent and non-affluent areas.
- ✓ In each selected locality, the draft schedule was canvassed in six households—two each from poor, middle/upper-middle, and affluent categories.

I. KEY FINDINGS

A. Average Time Taken:

- Household listing schedule: 4 to 14 minutes per household
- Detailed household schedule: about 100 minutes per household

B. Respondent Feedback:

- 84% of the respondents had partial to good understanding of the purpose of the survey.
- 87% respondents showed moderate to good understanding of the reference period.
- 95% of the respondents considered the information content of the schedule sensitive.
- 95% felt uncomfortable disclosing income from different sources.
- A majority of the respondents refused to answer questions on income tax paid.
- 73% of the respondents felt the questionnaire was relevant and coherent.
- 45% of the respondents felt the sequence of questions ensures natural flow of information.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT

- In view of the sensitive nature of the information proposed to be collected in the survey, it is absolutely essential to raise awareness, gain confidence and dispel myths among the respondents.
- A wide range of publicity measures in digital, print and audio-visual media should be undertaken well in advance of launch of the survey and also at the time of conduct of survey fieldwork.
- More emphasis should be put on the use of Regional language media for this purpose.
- Adoption of a team approach under the leadership of a Senior Statistical Officer with a well mix of technically competent field functionaries well versed with local language would help to gain respondents' and elicit better response.
- Wherever possible, maintenance of gender balance in team composition would facilitate collection of sensitive information related to household income.

- A differential approach needs to be adopted for conduct of the survey in the urban affluent societies or gated communities. Wherever possible, a communication should be made to the members of the executive of the RWAs or other similar bodies of such committees well in advance of launch of the survey to improve awareness, better cooperation and build confidence.
- It has been observed that often during daytime the earning members of the household are not at home and in their absence, the respondents are not able to provide detailed information in respect of incomes of the earning members. It may, therefore, be helpful to take prior appointment and visit the selected household thereafter according to the convenience of the household.
- Focused training should be organized exclusively designed and involving personnel who will undertake the data collection work.

1. INTRODUCTION

Pre-testing of data collection instruments is often undertaken in large-scale socio-economic surveys to identify and correct any issues with the questionnaire, such as unclear questions, ambiguous or confusing instructions, or potential biases, before they affect the data of the survey in a large scale. This is usually done by administering the questionnaire or schedule to a smaller representative group of respondents. It is imperative that pre-testing is conducted in circumstances that are as similar as far as possible to actual data collection and on population units as similar as possible to those that will be sampled.

2. OVERVIEW

The Technical Expert Group of Household Income Survey decided to conduct pre-testing of the draft schedule of the survey to make assessment of the survey instruments in respect of the following aspects:

- i. Clarity, Comprehension and Interpretation of the schedule and different items/questions included in it,
- ii. Acceptability of the survey schedule,
- iii. Logic and Flow of the schedule,
- iv. Length of the schedule and time required for canvassing it,
- v. A general assessment of the households in disclosing information pertaining to different components of income along with the level of difficulty.

The pre-testing was conducted in all 6 Zones of Field Operations Divisions with at least 2 Regional Offices chosen from each zone. Further, all the metropolitan cities, namely, Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore and Hyderabad were be covered.

From each of the selected Regional Offices at least 2 Urban and 2 Rural localities, each having one affluent and one non-affluent segment were chosen for the pre-testing. In each selected locality, the schedule was canvassed in 6 households, 2 each belonging to poor, middle/upper

middle and affluent categories, respectively. In metro cities, attempt was also made to canvass the schedule in households residing in the gated communities.

3. MECHANISM FOR COLLECTION OF FEEDBACK

The feedbacks on the draft schedule were collected using feedback forms. The first form was to cover feedback on different aspects related to (i) understanding of the questions/items by the respondents, (ii) sensitivity towards one or more items, (iii) reluctance to cooperate or divulge information, (iv) logical flow of the questions or blocks, (v) redundancy or repetitiveness of questions/items, (vi) average time taken to canvass a schedule etc. and the second one was used to gather feedback on the respondents' behaviour and suggestions for improvement of the survey instruments from survey the enumerators. These forms comprised of the following broad sections:

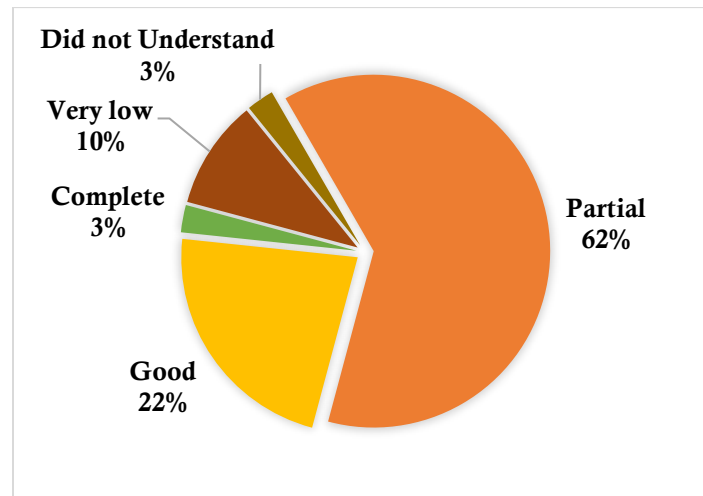
- (i) Clarity, Comprehension and Interpretation of the schedules
- (ii) Acceptance of the survey instruments by the respondents
- (iii) Understanding of logic and flow of the questions/items
- (iv) Length of the schedule and time required for canvassing of the schedules.

4. FINDINGS OF THE PRE-TESTING

During the pre-testing exercise, detailed canvassing of schedules was done in a number of households each in rural and urban areas. Canvassing of the detailed and listing schedules were done in different households. The responses received from the field offices in the two feedback forms have been compiled and are presented in four sections below.

4.1 SECTION 1 - CLARITY, COMPREHENSION AND INTERPRETATION

4.1.1 Level of understanding of the respondent about the purpose of the survey.

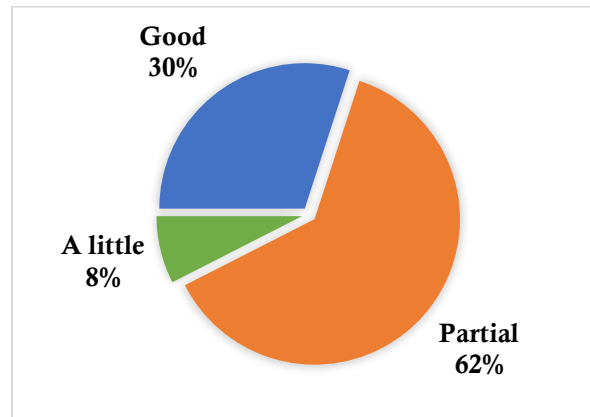


The chart indicates that majority of the respondents had partial to good understanding about the purpose of the survey.

4.1.2 Level of difficulty to understand to understand the questions/items by the respondents.

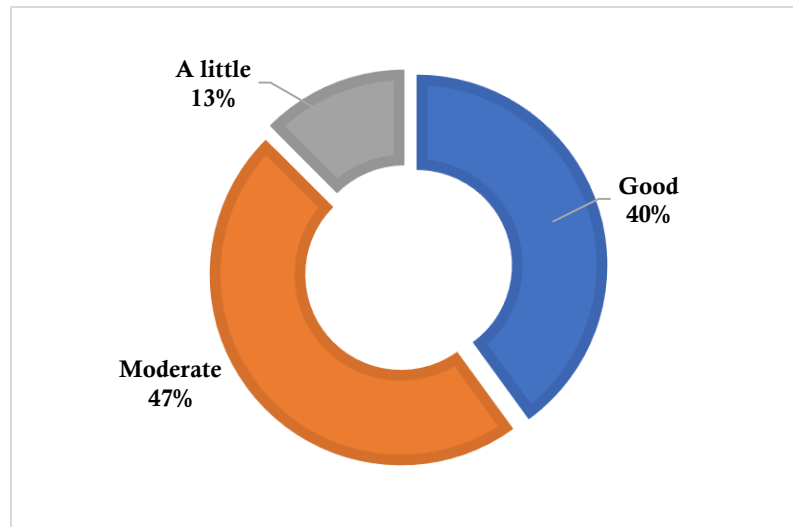
The level of difficulty in understanding and reporting responses varied across different sections of the schedule. There are some questions which were found to be difficult to understand.

4.1.3 Do the respondents properly understand the terms/wordings used in schedule correctly?



The understanding of the terms/wordings was reported to be either partial or good by 92% of the respondents.

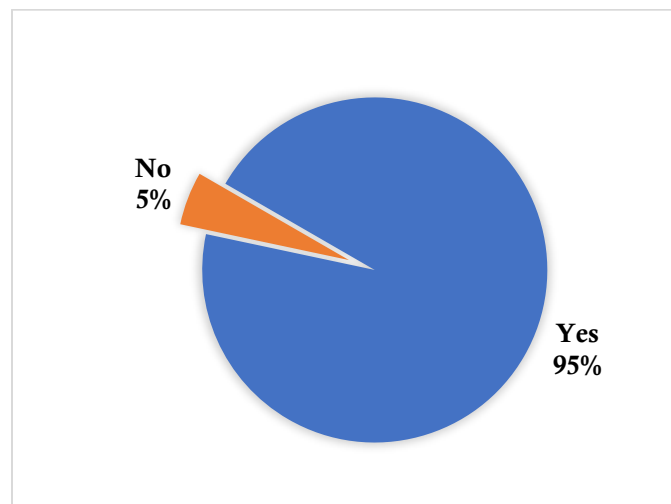
4.1.4 Do the respondents clearly understand the time period (reference period), they should report in?



None of the respondent had any difficulty in understanding the reference periods used for reporting information on different items.

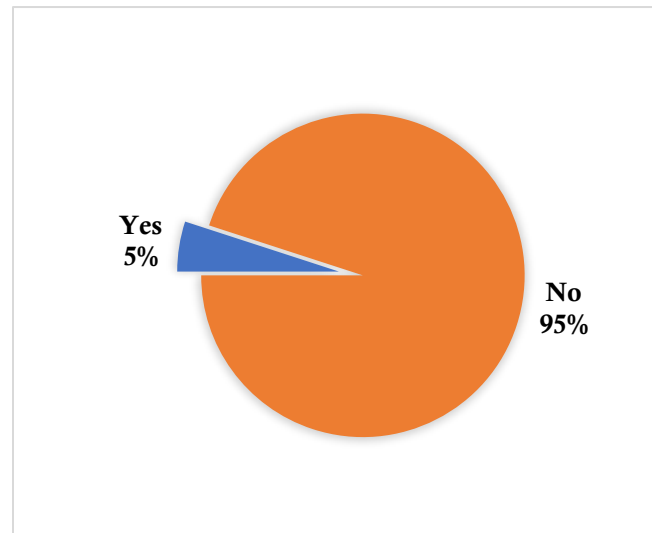
4.2 SECTION 2 – ACCEPTANCE

4.2.1 Is there anything in the schedule that appeared sensitive to the respondents?



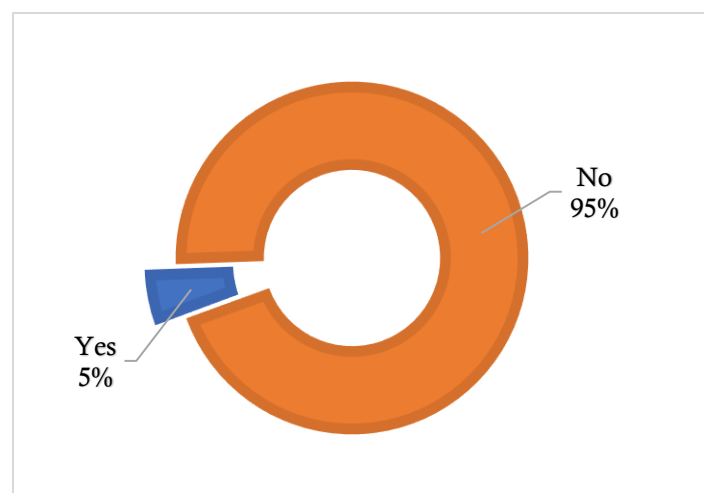
Information on salary details, income from financial assets, income tax paid, expenditure incurred on jewellery etc. were found to be sensitive by the respondents.

4.2.2 Do the respondents feel comfortable giving information on income from different sources to the interviewer?



A large number of the respondents were uncomfortable in disclosing information on income from different sources to the interviewer.

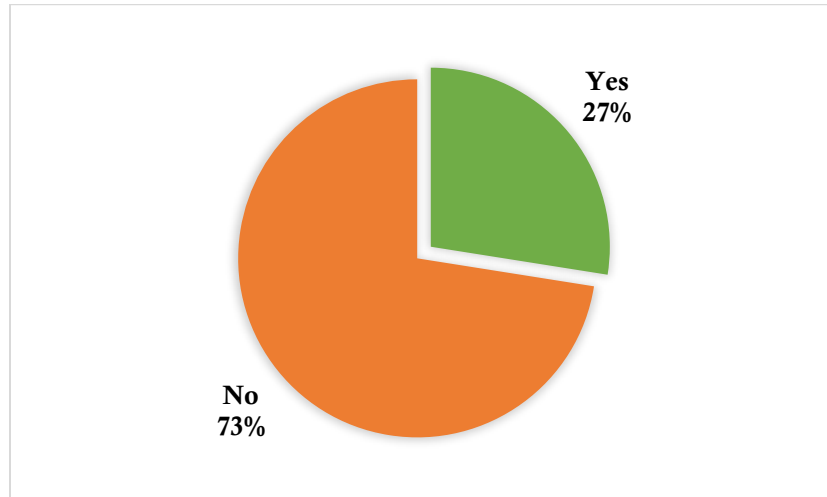
4.2.3 Is there one or more question/item that the respondents refused or are reluctant to answer?



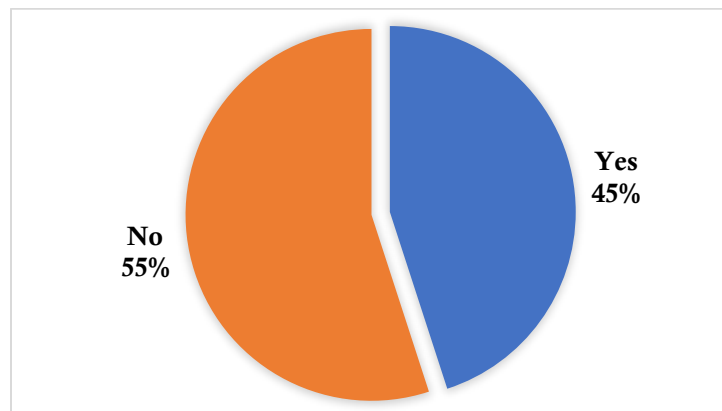
Most households refused to answer the question related to income tax.

4.3 SECTION 3 – LOGIC AND FLOW

4.3.1 Are there any questions that seemed out of place or unrelated to the previous ones to the respondents?



4.3.2 Do the placement of the questions ensure natural progression and prevent the respondents from feeling disoriented or compelled to recall information from unrelated sections?



45% of the respondents felt the sequence of questions ensures natural flow of information.

4.4 SECTION 4 – LENGTH AND TIME REQUIRED, ADHERENCE

Average canvassing time (including the time required to apprise the households about the objective of the survey and convince them to participate in the survey) for detailed schedule was about 100 minutes in both rural and urban sectors.

Average time required for collection of information on the 7/8 auxiliary items in the listing schedule was found to be 4 to 14 minutes.

5. SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The members of the Technical Expert Group and officers of the National Statistics Office have offered a number of suggestions for improvement of the survey schedules along with several recommendations for effective implementation of the survey fieldwork. These are summarized below.

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II. SOME SPECIFIC OBSERVATIONS

RESPONSE PATTERN BY INCOME GROUP

In rural areas, poor and middle-income households were ready to respond without seeking much clarification, whereas affluent households sought more clarifications before providing detail information. However, response was good and no complete reluctance was noticed during pre-testing.

INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN REPORTED VALUES OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE

During the field visit, a trend was noticed in both rural and urban areas where households tend to overstate expenditure and understate income. Enumerators should be sensitized during training to profile household's income carefully while extracting and reporting the information.

CHALLENGES IN REPORTING DETAILS OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

Information on financial assets was difficult for respondents to recall or report accurately. Most of the respondents are not aware of the details of interest from savings account, fixed

deposits and other financial assets. The comprehensive response in this regard can only be received if the informant is ready to provide information from the relevant records or depends on the informant's familiarity with the household's finances.

DIFFERENT APPROACH FOR AFFLUENT AND GATED-COMMUNITIES

For high-income and affluent households, a self-compilation system may be introduced in which a written request may be made to the respondents, explaining the survey's objectives and the importance of the income survey data.

FLEXIBLE SURVEY TIMINGS

Since this survey collects information on income, investment, and interest, it is difficult to find earning members at home between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM. If both husband and wife are working, no one will be available. If conducted early morning, they will be in a rush; in the evening, they will be tired, reducing data accuracy. Unlike expenditure surveys, where other family members can respond, income and investment questions require the earner to respond. The most suitable time for conducting this survey needs to be considered.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE
HOUSEHOLD INCOME SURVEY: 2026
SCHEDULE HIS: FEBRUARY 2026 – JANUARY 2027

Block 1: Identification of sample household

[Information on items 1 to 8 will be available from the sample list. Information on items 9-11 will be available from the schedule for listing (0.0). Items 12 and 13 are to be filled by the field officials.]

1.1. sector:	<input type="radio"/> rural <input type="radio"/> urban				
1.2. state/u.t name:					
1.3. district name:					
1.4.name of sub-district/tehsil/town					
1.5. village name:					
1.6. investigator unit number /block number:					
1.7. sample sub-unit (SU) number:					
1.8. serial number of sample FSU					
1.9. sample Sub-division number:					
1.10. second-stage stratum number:					
1.11. sample household number:					
1.12. survey code <i>[If 2 or 3 in 1.12 go to 1.13]</i>	<input type="radio"/> original -1, <input type="radio"/> substitute -2, <input type="radio"/> casualty -3				
1.13. reason code for substitution/ casualty of the original household <i>(the interviewer will fill up this item if a substituted household is canvassed or the household is a casualty)</i>	<input type="radio"/> informant busy -1, <input type="radio"/> members away from home -2, <input type="radio"/> informant non-cooperative -3, <input type="radio"/> others -9				
Remarks					

Block 3: Demographic & other particulars of household members

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s. no.	name of member	relation to head (code)	gender (code)	age (years)	marital status (code)	highest educational level attained (code)	activity status				whether a beneficiary of any Central/ State Government social assistance scheme as on date of survey (yes-1/ no-2)
							during 30 days		during 365 days		
							primary (code)	secondary (code)	primary (code)	secondary (code)	
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Remarks –											

Codes for Block 3

- *Col. (3): relation to head: self-1, spouse of head-2, married child-3, spouse of married child-4, unmarried child-5, grandchild-6, father/mother/father-in-law/mother-in-law-7, brother/sister/brother-in-law/sister-in-law/other relatives-8, servants/employees/other non-relatives-9*
- *Col. (4): male-1, female-2, transgender -3*
- *Col. (6): marital status: never married – 1, currently married (including living together) – 2, widowed – 3, divorced/separated – 4*
- *Col. (7): highest educational level attained:*
 - *not literate (i.e. not able to read or write a simple message with understanding in any language) - 01*
 - *literate without formal schooling (like NFEC, AEC, TLC, literate without any schooling, etc.)-02*
 - literate with formal education*
 - *below primary-03*
 - *primary -04*
 - *upper primary/middle -05*
 - *secondary -06*
 - *higher secondary -07*
 - *diploma /certificate course*
 - *graduate -10*
 - *postgraduate and above - 11*
- *Col. (8) and Col. (9): Usual Activity Status (code):*
 - *self-employed in agriculture (own account worker/employer) - 01*
 - *self-employed in non- agriculture (own account worker/employer) – 02*
 - *unpaid family worker in agriculture or non-agriculture – 03*
 - *regular wage/ salary – 04*
 - *casual labour – 05*
 - *did not work but was seeking and/or available for work – 06*
 - *student / attended educational institution - 07*
 - *attended domestic duties only – 08*
 - *attended domestic duties and was also engaged in free collection of goods (vegetables, roots, firewood, cattle feed, etc.), sewing, tailoring, weaving, etc. for household use - 09*
 - *earning from rent – 10*
 - *earning from pensions -11*
 - *earning from remittances -12*
 - *earning from interest - 13*
 - *unfit for work due to disability or illness – 14*
 - *others (including children not attending school, begging, prostitution, etc.) – 15*

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Q no.	Question description and code structure			Code/Entry																														
Q4.1	Household size			Auto-populated from Block 3																														
Q4.2	Social Group (scheduled tribe (ST) -1, scheduled caste (SC) -2, other backward class (OBC)-3, others-9, not reported - 10)																																	
Q4.3	Religion (Hinduism -1, Islam -2, Christianity -3, Sikhism -4, Jainism -5, Buddhism -6, Zoroastrianism -7, others -9, not reported - 10)																																	
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Q4.6	Does the household own any land (within the country) as on the date of survey? (consider all land that is owned and possessed or owned and leased out by the household) (yes-1, no-2)																																	
Q4.7	If code 1 in Q4.6, Total area (in acre) of all owned land (within the country) by the household as on the date of survey (the area is to be reported in three places of decimal) [Note: 1 hectare=10,000 square metre, 1 acre = 0.4047-hectare, 1 acre = 4047 sq. metre]																																	

Block 4: Household characteristics		
Q no.	Question description and code structure	Code/Entry
Q4.8	<i>If code 1 in Q4.6,</i> Use of land owned (Multiple options can be selected) <i>for agricultural uses: crop production - 1, for animal husbandry / dairy - 2, for other agricultural activity - 3, for non-agricultural activity - 4, residential land including homestead - 5, other land - 9</i>	
Q4.9	Does the household perform any economic activity on any building/structure during last 365 days? <i>(yes: on owned & possessed -1, yes: on leased-in -2, yes: on both 1 & 2 - 3, no-4)</i>	
Q4.10	<i>If codes 1-3 in Q4.9, (Multiple options can be selected)</i> Type of economic activity(ies), household performed during last 365 days <i>(agricultural activity: crop production -1, for animal husbandry / dairy - 2, other agricultural activity -3, non-agricultural activity - 4)</i>	
Q4.11	Type of dwelling unit of the household as on the date of survey <i>(owned-1, hired -2, provided by the employer - 3, others-4, no dwelling unit-5)</i>	
Q4.12	<i>For codes 1- 4 in Q4.11,</i> Carpet area of dwelling unit (in square feet) of the household	
Q4.13	<i>For codes 1- 4 in Q4.11,</i> Type of structure of the dwelling unit of the household <i>(independent house -1, flat -2, others -3)</i>	
Q4.14	<i>For codes 1- 4 in Q4.11,</i> Number of rooms in the dwelling unit of the household	
Q4.15	Whether the household has any outstanding loan taken from financial institution*? <i>(yes-1, no-2)</i>	
Q4.16	<i>If code 1 in Q4.15,</i> Purpose of the loan <i>(Purchase and/or construction of land/house/building/flat - 1, to meet expenditure of economic activity - 2, both 1 & 2 - 3)</i>	
Q4.17	<i>If code 1 in Q 4.15,</i> Amount paid towards repayment of the loan in the last month by the household (in Rs.)?	
Remarks –		

*: includes bank, non-banking financial institutions, insurance companies etc.

Block 5: Income from Employment – regular wage/salary

Information is to be collected for each member of the household in this block.

Amount is to be recorded in whole number of rupees.

Block 5: Income from employment – regular wage/salary			Regular wage/salary earners				
Q. no.	Question description	Reference Period	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
Q5.1	Number of months worked	Last 365 days					
Q5.2	gross salary	Last month					
Q5.3	i) allowances received (including overtime allowance, shift allowance, project allowance)						
	ii) Other including tips, fees of consultants etc.						
Q5.4	i) bonuses received (festival bonus, profit-sharing or production bonuses or other forms of profit-related payment, performance-based incentive)	Last 365 days					
	ii) other including commission from sales, etc.						
Q5.5	sale value of shares offered as part of employee remuneration (employee stock option)						
Q5.6	leave encashments; remuneration for time not worked such as for annual leave, holidays or other paid leave, Leave Fare Concession etc.						
Q5.7	severance and termination pay, termination benefits including social security benefits like maturity benefits of CGEGIS etc.						
Q5.8	others - directors' fees (fees given to the directors for attending meetings), sitting fees of experts etc.						
Q5.9	Total monthly income (Q5.1+Q5.2+(Q5.3+Q5.4+Q5.5+Q5.6+Q5.7+Q5.8)/12)	-					
Remarks –							

Block 6: Income from Employment – casual work

Information is to be collected for each member of the household in this block.

Block 6: Income from employment– casual work			Casual workers				
Q. no.	Question description	Reference Period	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5
Q6.1	number of days worked in last month (no.)	Last month					
Q6.2	average daily wage earned in all mode except in-kind (in whole number of Rs.)						
Q6.3	bonuses/tips received	Last 365 days					
Q6.4	Total monthly income (Q6.1×Q6.2) + Q6.3/12	-					
Remarks –							

Block 7: Income from Self-employment

Information will be collected at household level in this block.

Block 7a: Income from Self-employment - Crop cultivation									
Q no.	Question description								
<i>For Agricultural Establishment engaged in crop cultivation (includes production of cereals, pulses, oilseeds, cash-crops, vegetables, fruits, spices, flowers etc. (entry against any one or more of S. nos. 1-2 of Q4.4 of Block 4 is selected)</i>									
Q7.1	Details of the crops cultivated by one or more member of the household during last 365 days?								
	S. no.	crop code (4 digits)	unit (Kg./no.)	total quantity produced (harvested)	total quantity sold (out of total production)	total sale value (in Rs.)	average per unit sale value (in Rs.)	value of pre-harvested sale (Rs.)	value of by-products (Rs.)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Q7.2	Expenses incurred by the household during 'last 365 days' on inputs used for production of crops (including imputed expenses)								
	S. no.	Description of Item						Cost of Input (in Rs.)	
	01	seeds							
	02	manures, chemicals, bio-fertilizers, plant protection materials (chemicals/bio-pesticides)							
	03	feed and fodder							
	04	diesel, electricity and other fuel charges							
	05	irrigation / water charges							
	06	cost of hiring, repair and maintenance of machinery and equipment used for crop production							
	07	labour cost (human and animal)							
	08	lease rent for land used for crop production							
	09	interest paid on loans utilized for the purpose of crop production and cost of crop insurance / premium							
	10	transportation & packaging charges							
	11	others (include veterinary services etc.)							
12	total (sum of entries at s. nos. 01-11)								
Q7.3	Receipts from Sale of seeds/ manure / bio-fertilizer / saplings etc. during last 365 days (in whole no. of Rs.)								
Q7.4	Sale value of produces which were cultivated beyond last 365 days but sold during last 365 days (in whole no. of Rs.)								
Q7.5	Imputed value of crops consumed by the household or bartered to other households out of total production during last 365 days (in whole no. of Rs.)								
Remarks –									

Codes for different types of crops (col. 2 of Block 6)

crop	code	crop	code	crop	code
Cereals	01	cumin seed	0607	other food crop	0999
paddy	0101	other condiments & spices	0699	Flower crops	10
wheat	0102			orchids	1001
oats	0103	Fruits	07	rose	1002
coarse grains (bajra, jowar maize, ragi, barley, small millets)	0104	mango	0701	gladiolus	1003
Other cereals	0199	orange/mausami/kinu	0702	carnation	1004
Pulses	02	banana	0703	marigold	1005
gram (incl. horse gram)	0201	apple	0704	other flowers	1099
tur (arhar)	0202	grapes	0705	Fodder crops	11
urad	0203	guava	0706	guar	1101
moong	0204	papaya	0707	green manures	1102
masur	0205	watermelon	0708	other fodder crops	1199
other pulses (peas, etc.)	0299	musk melon	0709	Drugs & narcotics	12
Sugar Crops	03	jackfruit	0710	tobacco	1201
sugarcane	0301	almond	0711	other drugs & narcotics	1299
other sugar crops	0399	walnut	0712	Plantation Crops	13
Oilseeds	04	cashewnuts	0713	tea	1301
groundnut	0401	apricot	0714	coffee	1302
sesamum (til)	0402	other fruits	0799	rubber	1303
rapeseed & mustard	0403	Vegetables	08	other plantation crops	1399
coconut	0404	potato	0801	Medicinal plants	14
sunflower	0405	onion	0802	ashwagandha	1401
soyabean	0406	tomato	0803	isabgol	1402
other oilseeds	0499	leafy vegetable	0804	sena	1403
Fibres	05	cabbage	0805	moosli	1404
cotton	0501	brinjal	0806	other medicinal plant	1499
jute	0502	lady's finger (bhindi)	0807	Aromatic plants	15
mesta	0503	cauliflower	0808	lemon grass	1501
sunhemp	0504	gourd	0809	mint	1502
other fibres	0599	beans/barbati	0810	menthol	1503
Condiments and Spices	06	exotic vegetables (mushrooms, bell pepper, broccoli, zucchini, etc.)	0811	eucalyptus	1504
pepper (black)	0601	pumpkin	0812	other aromatic plant	1599
ginger	0602	radish	0813	Other non-food crops	16
turmeric	0603	carrot	0814	canes	1601
garlic	0604	lemon	0815	bamboos	1602
coriander	0605	green chillies	0816	other non-food crops	1699
tamarind	0606	other vegetables	0899		

Block 7b: Income from Self-employment - Allied Activity in Agriculture

Block 7b: Income from Self-employment - Allied Activity in Agriculture		
For Agricultural Establishment engaged in allied activities (including animal husbandry, poultry, bee keeping, forestry, fishery related activities) (entry against any one or more of S. no 3-6 of Q4.4 of Block 4 is selected)		
Q. no.	Question description	
Q7.6	Receipts from sale during last 365 days	
	S. no.	Description
	01	fish & fishery products
	02	dairy products (e.g. milk and related raw products)
	03	poultry products (e.g. egg)
	04	cattle and other livestock animals (e.g. cattle, buffalo, goat, sheep, pig, poultry, duck etc.)
	05	wool and other related products
	06	skin, hide, bones, etc. of cattle and other livestock animals
	07	honey, beeswax etc.
	08	silk and its products
	09	lac, gum, resin etc.
	10	timber, bamboo, wood etc.
	11	others
	12	total (sum of entries at s. nos. 01-11)
Q7.7	Expenses incurred by the household during last 365 days on inputs used for production activity	
	S. no.	Input description
	01	animal / fish seeds
	02	manures and fertilizers
	03	animal feeds and fodder
	04	veterinary services (for breeding, health services) and animal medicines charges
	05	diesel, electricity and other fuel
	06	labour cost (human & animal)
	07	cost of hiring, repair and maintenance of machinery and equipment
	08	lease rent for land
	09	interest on loan availed for production activity and cost of insurance / premium for livestock, equipment and other inputs used for farming activity
	10	transportation & packaging charges
	11	others
	12	total (sum of entries at s. nos. 01-11)
Q7.8	Imputed value of any of the items (as mentioned in Q7.6) consumed by the household or bartered to other households out of total production during last 365 days (in whole no. of Rs.)	
Remarks –		

Block 7c: Income from Self-employment - Non-agriculture Activity

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Block 7d: Mode of operation & percentage of shareholding in activities carried out during last 365 days				
Q no.	Question description			
Q7.13	Mode of operation & percentage of shareholding among activity(ies) carried out in last 365 days (To be populated from the responses of Q7.1 - crop cultivation, Q4.4 – allied activity in agriculture & Q7.9 – non-agriculture activity)			
	S. no. of activity	Description of activity	Mode of operation (individually operated - 1, jointly operated with other household(s) -2)	% shareholding (in case of code 2 in col. 3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	1	To be populated from the responses of Q7.1 (column 2)		
	2	animal husbandry		
	3	fisheries		
	4	agroforestry activity		
	5	others (bee keeping, sericulture, lac culture, ancillary etc.)		
	6	To be populated from the responses of Q7.9 (column 2)		
Remarks –				

Block 8: Income from Transfer receipts

Information will be collected at household level in this block.

Block 8: Income from Transfer receipts					
Q. no.	Question description		Reference Period	Amount received (in whole number of Rs.)	
Q8.1	pension (payments received from companies/government after retirement)		Last month		
Q8.2	transfers receipts from other households in the form of family support payments (such as alimony, child and parental support), regular receipts from inheritances and trust funds, regular monetary gifts received		Last month		
Q8.3	remittances received from abroad and financial support received from other households		Last 365 days		
Q8.4	stipend, scholarship				
Q8.5	retirement benefits including gratuity, social security benefits, CGEGIS etc. (excluding maturity value of PF, lump sum leave encashment received at the time of retirement)				
Q8.6	government social assistance benefits <i>The information will be collected if code 1 is reported in col. 12, Block 3 for at least one member of the household.</i>				
	S. no.	Name of the scheme	No. of beneficiaries in the household as on date of survey	No. of months* for which benefits received by all the beneficiaries of the household in last 365 days	Total amount received in last 365 days (in Rs.)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	01	Old age pension			
	02	Widow/destitute pension			
	03	Disability pension			
	04	Unemployment allowance			
	05	Kisan samman nidhi yojana			
	06	Namo Shetkari Maha Sanman Nidhi Yojana - Maharashtra			
	07	DBT for food grains (applicable for Chandigarh, Puducherry, Dadar and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu)			
	08	Pension to meritorious sportspersons			
	09	Pension scheme for financial assistance for veteran artists			
	Cash transfer received under state government scheme				
	10	Shilpi pension scheme - Assam			
	11	Shravanbal Seva State Pension Scheme (Maharashtra)			
	12	Mukha mantri ladli behna yojana - Madhya Pradesh			
	13	Laxmi bhandar yojana (SC/ST) – West bengal			
	14	Laxmi bhandar yojana (others) –			

		West Bengal			
15		Griha Aadhar scheme - Goa			
16		Orunodoi scheme - Assam			
17		Gruha Lakshmi - Karnataka			
18		Kalaingar Magalir Urimai Thittam - Tamil Nadu			
19		Mahalakshmi scheme - Telangana			
20		Mahatari Vandan Yojana - Chhattisgarh			
21		Maiya Samman Yojana - Jharkhand			
22		Mukhya Mantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana- Maharashtra			
23		Subhadra Yojana - Odisha			
24		Indira Gandhi Pyari Behna Sukh Samman Nidhi Yojana – Himachal Pradesh			
25		Mahila Samriddhi Yojana - Delhi			
26		Lado Lakshmi Yojana - Haryana			
27		Ladli Social Security Allowance Scheme - Haryana			
28		Aadabidda Nidhi Scheme – Andhra Pradesh			
29		Samajik Seva Bhatta Scheme - Sikkim			
30		Sikkim unmarried women pension scheme			
31		Mukhyamantri COVID-19 Parivar Arthik Sahayata Yojana			
32		Pension to journalist/photojournalist			
33		Matrihasha Satyagrahi Pension Scheme- Haryana			
34		Allowance to Eunuchs Scheme			
35		Leprosy Pension Scheme			
36		other cash transfer from government (like DBT against purchase of LPG cylinder)			
Remarks –					

**This includes total number of months for which benefits were received by all the beneficiaries of the household. For example, if a member received benefit of amount Rs. 4000 for 3 months at once, then 3 should be recorded in col. 4: total number of months.*

Block 9: Income from Asset*Information will be collected at household level in this block.*

Block 9: Income from Asset					
Q. no.	Question description			Reference Period	Entry (in whole number of Rs.)
A. Income from financial assets (interest and dividend income)					
Q9.1	Interest received in last financial year from				
	S. no.	Item description		Amount received (in Rs.)	
	1	saving accounts with banks/post office/non-banking financial companies			
	2	certificates of deposit (Fixed/Recurring Deposits etc.), government bonds/securities, co-operative credit societies/micro-finance institutions/self-help groups			
	3	provident funds (government, public, etc.) and other financial institutions			
	4	loans to non-household members			
	5	other (interest on security deposits, sovereign gold bonds, debentures etc.)			
	6	total interest (sum of entries recorded in s. no. 1-5)			
Q9.2	Dividend received (receipts from investment in an enterprise in which the investor does not work)			Last financial year	
Q9.3	Annuities received from insurance schemes, superannuation funds etc.			Last month	
Q9.4	Other regular receipts from financial assets			Last month	
B. Income from non-financial assets					
Q9.5	Income from Produced Non-Financial Items				
	S. no.	Item description	Number of months rented during last 365 days	Average monthly rent received (in Rs.)	Expenses incurred on repair and maintenance, insurance cost etc. (in Rs.) during 'last 365 days'
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	1	dwelling			
	2	building and other structure (excluding dwelling)			
	3	hired-out machinery and equipment			
Q9.6	Income earned from leasing out land (including agricultural land, gazing land, lawn etc.) and other natural resources like ponds, orchards, plantations etc.			Last 365 days	
Q9.7	Income earned from licensing the use of intellectual property (includes the return for services of patented or copyright material, e.g. receipts from writings, right to make use of inventions, etc.)				
Remarks –					

Block 10: Information on expenditure incurred on various food and non-food items during reference period by the household

Information will be collected at household level in this block.

Block 10: Expenditure details			
Q. no.	Question description	Reference Period	Expenditure (in whole no. of Rs.)
Food items			
Q10.1	vegetables including ginger, garlic & fruits (fresh)	Last 7 days	
Q10.2	egg, fish & meat	Last 7 days	
Q10.3	cereals & cereal products, pulses & pulse products, salt & sugar, edible oil, spices, dry fruits & nuts	Last 30 days	
Q10.4	milk & milk products	Last 30 days	
Q10.5	beverages, processed food, pan, tobacco & intoxicants	Last 30 days	
Non -Food Items – Consumable Services			
Q10.6	fuel & light (including petrol/diesel/CNG/other fuel for vehicles)	Last 30 days	
Q10.7	toilet articles & other household consumables	Last 30 days	
Q10.8	conveyance	Last 30 days	
Q10.9	entertainment expenses, consumer services excluding conveyance	Last 30 days	
Q10.10	rent & garage rent, consumer taxes and cesses	Last 30 days	
Q10.11	house rent, garage rent (imputed)	Last 30 days	
Q10.12	medical expenses: non - hospitalization (includes medicine, doctor's fee, medical test fees etc.)	Last 30 days	
Q10.13	medical expenses: hospitalization	Last 365 days	
Q10.14	educational expenses	Last 365 days	
Non-Food Items – Durable Goods			
Q10.15	clothing, bedding and footwear	Last 365 days	
Q10.16	personal and sports goods, medical and therapeutic appliances	Last 365 days	
Q10.17	personal transport equipment	Last 365 days	
Q10.18	furniture and fixtures & goods for recreation,	Last 365 days	
Q10.19	cooking and household appliances	Last 365 days	
Q10.20	repair and maintenance of residential buildings, land	Last 365 days	
Q10.21	repair & maintenance of other durable goods	Last 365 days	
Q10.22	jewellery & ornaments	Last 365 days	
Q 10.23	Total expenditure = sum (Q10.1: 10.2) /7×30 + sum (Q10.3: Q10.12) + sum (Q10.13: Q10.22)/365×30	-	
Remarks –			

Information will be collected at household level in this block.

Information is to be collected for each member of the household in this block.

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Block 2: Particulars of field operations													
Qs. No.	Question description		Survey Enumerator (SE)/ Junior Statistical Officer (JSO)				Survey Supervisor (SS)/ Senior Statistical Officer (SSO)						
(1)	(2)		(3)				(4)						
1(a)	(i) Name (block letters)												
	(ii) Code												
1(b)	(i) Name (block letters)												
	(ii) Code												
2.	Date(s) of:		DD		MM		YY		DD		MM		YY
	(i) Survey/ inspection												
	(ii) Receipt												
	(iii) Scrutiny												
	(iv) Despatch												
3.	Total time taken to canvass the schedule by the team of enumerators (SE/JSO) (in minutes) [no decimal point]												
4.	Number of enumerators (SE/JSO) in the team who canvassed the schedule												
5.	Whether any remark has been entered by SE/JSO/SS/SSO	(i) In block 12 /13 (yes -1, no -2)											
		(ii) Elsewhere in the schedule (yes -1, no -2)											
6.	name of informant: [Instruction: A pop-up with the details of household members as listed in Block 3, Cols. 1 & 2 will appear along with an option 'not a household member' against 'srl. no. of the household member' '99'. The enumerator should select the 'informant' from that list]												
	S. no. of the household member		Name				Select the informant						
							○						
							○						
	99		not a household member				○						
7.	Mobile number of informant/any other household member who can be contacted												
8.	Response code of the informant as assessed by SE/JSO informant co-operative and capable -1, informant co-operative but not capable -2, informant busy -3, informant reluctant -4, others -9												

[Block 12] Remarks by Survey Enumerator (SE)/Junior Statistical Officer (JSO)

[Block 13] Remarks by Survey Supervisor (SS)/Senior Statistical Officer (SSO)

List of NICs with description and output mapping

NIC Code 2008	NIC Description
Manufacturing (include all activity under division 10-33 and 01632)	
10	Manufacture of Food Products
11	Manufacture of Beverages
12	Manufacture of Tobacco Products
13	Manufacture of Textiles
14	Manufacture of Wearing Apparel
15	Manufacture of Leather and Related Products
16	Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials
17	Manufacture of paper and paper products
18	Printing and reproduction of recorded media
19	Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products
20	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products
21	Manufacture of pharmaceuticals, medicinal chemical and botanical products
22	Manufacture of rubber and plastics products
23	Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products
24	Manufacture of basic metals
25	Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment
26	Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products
27	Manufacture of electrical equipment
28	Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c.
29	Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers
30	Manufacture of other transport equipment
31	Manufacture of furniture
32	Other manufacturing
33	Repair and installation of machinery and equipment
35	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply (including Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply)
36	Water collection, treatment and supply
37	Sewerage
38	Waste collection, treatment and disposal activities; materials recovery
39	Remediation activities and other waste management services
41	Construction of buildings
42	Civil engineering
43	Specialized construction activities
45	Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles
46	Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles
47	Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles
49	Land transport and transport via pipelines
50	Water transport
52	Warehousing and support activities for transportation
53	Postal and courier activities
55	Accommodation
56	Food and beverage service activities
58	Publishing activities
59	Motion picture, video and television programme production, sound recording and music publishing activities
60	Broadcasting and programming activities

NIC Code 2008	NIC Description
61	Telecommunications
62	Computer programming, consultancy and related activities
63	Information service activities
64	Financial service activities, except insurance and pension funding
65	Insurance, reinsurance and pension funding, except compulsory social security
66	Other financial activities
68	Real estate activities
69	Legal and accounting activities
70	Activities of head offices; management consultancy activities
71	Architecture and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis
72	Scientific research and development
73	Advertising and market research
74	Other professional, scientific and technical activities
75	Veterinary activities
77	Rental and leasing activities
78	Employment activities
79	Travel agency, tour operator and other reservation service activities
80	Security and investigation activities
81	Services to buildings and landscape activities
82	Office administrative, office support and other business support activities
85	Educational activities
86	Human health activities
87	Residential care activities
88	Social work activities without accommodation
90	Creative, arts and entertainment activities
91	Libraries, archives, museums and other cultural activities
93	Sports activities and amusement and recreation activities
94	Activities of membership organizations
95	Repair of computers and personal and household goods
96	Other personal service activities
00	Cotton ginning, cleaning and bailing (01632)