



The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

Govt proposes Data Ombudsman, higher penalty for refusal to submit data for key economic stats

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The mandate of the Data Ombudsman

- “The Data Ombudsman shall in addition to the functions designated, also strengthen the system of mutual trust, building the goodwill and conflict resolution through various conciliation processes,” the ministry of statistics and programme implementation (MoSPI) said in the proposed amendments to decriminalise the Collection of Statistics Act

Widening the scope of Collection of Statistics Act 2008

- The ministry also widened the scope of the Act to include processing, storage and dissemination of statistics and generate data systems for other areas of human development
- At present, the Act has in its ambit the collection of statistics on economic, demographic, social, scientific and environmental aspects
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The penalties for non-compliance

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- For obstruction or interference of employees in the data collection exercise, a ten times higher penalty of Rs 1 lakh is proposed for companies and Rs 20,000 for individuals
- Similar fines are proposed for employees for their failure to function as per the Act and also for those pretending to be authorized to collect statistics

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