

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1005**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 26.07.2023

**CSC E-GOVERNANCE**

**1005. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:**

Will the MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work of 7th Economic Census was executed through CSC e-Governance services India Limited and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the amount paid to CSC by the Central Government for this work;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the number of supervisors/VLEs/Vendors by whom the work of 7th Economic Census was executed and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including the amount paid to the supervisors for the said work;
- (d) whether any payment to the supervisors is still outstanding and if so, the reasons therefor; (e) whether VLEs/District Manager of CSC have already withdrawn lakhs of rupees from the payment made in their accounts for executing the works of the 7th Economic Census in the year 2021 while no payment has been made to the supervisors performing that task till now; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) and (b): Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) apprised that the work of 7<sup>th</sup> Economic Census (EC) was assigned to CSC e-Governance Service India Limited (CSC SPV) by MoSPI, which is essentially a service level contract. The copy of the work order dated 26.03.2019 is available at weblink: <https://workdrive.zohopublic.in/external/54730395cc31c1e345e07b7dc33cb13af8c868aad5aada58292c4bae56e7797e>. As per the work order, the MoSPI has approved award of the work of 7<sup>th</sup> Economic Census to CSC SPV at an estimated cost of Rs. 840.423114 crore (plus taxes as applicable), the work includes development of IT solution, deployment of technical support group, training, awareness/sensitization, data collection etc. Till date MoSPI has released an amount of Rs. 667.28crore to CSC SPV for conducting 7<sup>th</sup> Economic Census work.

(c): CSC SPV has clarified that it has engaged around 1.70 lakh supervisors, 144 vendors, and more than 9.50 lakh enumerators for conducting the 7th Economic Census. As per provisional data, a sum of Rs 516.99 crore has been paid to the supervisors and vendors till 15 July, 2023. The State/UT-wise status of supervisors/enumerators/vendors as well as payment made to them is available at weblink: <https://workdrive.zohopublic.in/external/f0e14867edf14bdf30514df73bdbe44e5b883feba776dace2c85bab045c10258>

(d): CSC SPV apprised that a sum of Rs 50.63684crore is outstanding as on 15.07.2023, to be paid to supervisors/vendors and CSC SPV clarified the following reasons for the same

- i. Approval of provisional survey results undertaken by Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) in 16 States and 6 UTs, is awaited;
- ii. The State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) approved the provisional survey results of 11 States and 2 UTs which is yet to be published.
- iii. CSC SPV raised a bill of provisional expenditure of Rs. 772.5247 crore for the activities completed under the project “7<sup>th</sup> Economic Census”, however, MoSPI has released Rs. 667.28 crore and amount of Rs. 105.2548 crore is yet to be released.

In this regard, MoSPI has apprised that MoSPI released the payment to CSC SPV as per the payment milestones, subject to penalties for deficiencies in services provided by CSC as per the service level agreement. The non- release of balance payment to CSC is due to non-fulfillment of last milestone of deliverables (i.e. release of 7<sup>th</sup> Economic Census national result). Several States/UTs have not approved their provisional results on account of data quality issues in the 7<sup>th</sup> Economic Census data that has been collected and supervise by CSC SPV.

(e) and (f): CSC SPV apprised payment of enumeration commission has been released to the supervisors and vendors who conducted the 7th Economic Census work.

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