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New series of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) with base 2011 -12			
1	3.5 (1)	The differential treatment of subsidy in respect of refined petroleum, fertilizers and other items may be explained in detail in the metadata.	The differential treatment of subsidy in respect of refined petroleum and fertilizers is explained in the metadata for the new series of Indices of Industrial Production (IIP), which is available on website of the Ministry.
2	3.5 (2)	A study may be got conducted on growth trajectories of IIP and GDP manufacturing output and their interrelationship. Noting that GDP manufacturing includes unregistered segment of manufacturing (non-ASI) having different approach to estimate value added and what is taken into consideration for IIP, particularly value of output and not value added for sectoral indices, the study may bring out the problem of comparability for informed discussion.	A paper on comparison between growth trajectories of Indices of Industrial Production (IIP) and Gross Domestic Product (GDP) manufacturing Output was presented before the National Statistical Commission (NSC) in its 87 th meeting held in August 2016. At the instance of the NSC, a pilot study on a sample of establishments was conducted to see the differences in input and output prices of important items. The NSC in its 92 nd meeting advised on taking up a further exploratory exercise. This matter will be further deliberated in the Committee on Online Reporting System constituted by the NSC.
3	3.5 (3)	The new series of IIP along with relevant growth rates may be placed in the public domain latest by December, 2016.	The new series of Indices of Industrial Production (IIP) along with relevant growth rates was placed in public domain on 12 th May 2017 through official website.
4	3.5 (4)	The existing dissemination plan through Press Releases may continue. In addition, final data at item/ quotation level may be maintained, to facilitate statistical audit.	The practice of dissemination through press release on 12 th of every month (previous working day, if 12 th of the month is a holiday) is being continued in the new series of Indices of Industrial Production (IIP). The unit /quotation level data received from source agencies is being maintained.

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5	3.5 (5)	The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) may be reminded on the earlier advice to compile and release separate indices for MSME sector with base 2011-12.	The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has been advised to compile a separate index of the MSME sector vide communication dated 4 th August, 2016.
6	3.5 (6)	The ESD may come out with a paper on treatment of outliers in the data received. The ESD may also prepare a paper on value index. These two papers may be placed before the NSC at the earliest.	Outliers in Indices of Industrial Production (IIP) data are examined in accordance with the validation program laid down for the purpose. IIP, being predominantly a volume index compiled as per international standards, there is no plan to have it compiled wholly as a value index, mainly due to non-availability of relevant data. However, in the present IIP with base 2011-12, data on value of production is being collected in respect of a few item groups, as their quality keeps changing over time and for those groups, Wholesale Price Index (WPI) deflators are used to arrive at volume figures.
7	3.5 (7)	To enhance system efficiency for quality and timeliness in IIP, the system up-gradation is already under consideration. The basic data capture and transmission from the source agencies would be through automated online system with built-in validation rules. The database system should provide for security with adequate data access management provisions which can be verified when conducting independent audit. The system should be in place latest by December 2016.	It has been decided to outsource the activity of developing a web portal for facilitating online submission of data by factories through source Ministries / Departments. Tenders will be floated for the purpose.

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Draft National Policy on Pricing and Dissemination of sharable data			
8	3.12 (1)	a) Definition of sharable data, what comes under its purview with illustrations and whether it is a static/dynamic list;	<p>DSDD is disseminating the data based on the criteria and guidelines suggested by a committee headed by DG. Committee defines sharable data available with the Ministry into following three types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Micro data (ii) Derived indicators / aggregates and (iii) Compiled information. <p>These are available as (a) Unit level Data in ASCII format, (b) Statistical Tables in EXCEL or other machine readable formats and (c) Statistical publications in pdf or word documents. The first set of data is provided on cost basis whereas the last two are provided as free downloads from the website of the Ministry.</p>
	3.12 (1)	b) List of sharable data to be shared on cost basis, and not the price of such data;	At present, the unit level data of socio-economic surveys, Annual Survey of Industries and Economic Census are being disseminated on cost basis as suggested by the committee headed by DG.
	3.12 (1)	c) International practices, as well as practices followed by O/o Registrar General of India(RGI) with respect to sharing unit level data of the Population Census, may also be kept in view;	The international practices and guidelines as well as the guidelines of National Data Sharing and Accessibility Policy (NDSAP) of Government of India are being followed by the Division.

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	3.12 (1)	d) The document may look into provisions under the Right to Information (RTI) as well as NDSAP to ensure there are no infringements on either of their specifications;	The current data dissemination policy of Ministry is consistent with the provisions the Right to Information (RTI) as well as NDSAP.
	3.12(1)	e) All data to be made available should be in user-friendly format with provisions for downloading in different format;	Micro data is disseminated in different user friendly formats like SPSS, SAS, STATA, CSV and delimited text file as per international practice.
9	3.12 (2)	The draft document, after incorporating the suggestions, may be placed on the Ministry's Website inviting comments from other Ministries/Departments/Private Organizations/Individuals and the same may be placed before the NSC after incorporating the comments/suggestions.	It is under progress.
10	3.12 (3)	MOSPI website may provide single window link of all possible datasets/databases being maintained by other Ministries/Departments for accessibility convenience of data users.	Division is developing an integrated information platform of the Ministry where a single point access support/window will be developed to provide sharable data to different national and international users including students/researchers/institutes/Ministries/Departments of the Central and State Governments.

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11	3.12 (4)	It was also recommended by NSC to encourage dissemination of data and reports in a convertible to CSV/datasheet format.	DSDD (including Computer Centre) is already disseminating micro data in CSV/ Excel format.
12	3.12 (5)	The Urban Frame Survey (UFS) frame comprising list of UFS blocks may also be provided on MoSPI website for the information of users interested in buying UFS maps.	UFS frame on MoSPI Website has been uploaded with note on 'Dissemination of UFS data'. The frame with town-wise complete information of IV units, UFS block numbers, number of households, area type along with metadata is available to the users—private agencies and Government agencies free of cost.
Institutional Approach to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) estimation including methodology of Quarterly GDP estimates			
13	3.19 (1)	The ESD, CSO and the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) may submit status notes on Service Production Index and Service Price Index respectively to the Commission for consideration.	DIPP had submitted status note regularly to NSC informing it of the progress and need for guidance. Detailed status notes were sent to NSC on 16 th October 2015, 11 th November 2016 and 2 nd February 2017. Detailed presentations were made before the Commission on service price indices on 26 th November 2015 and 23 rd August 2016. The status note in respect of compilation of Index of Service Production was submitted to National Statistical Commission (NSC) Secretariat on 20 th September 2016.
14	3.19(2)	NAD may bring out a paper on the aspects of introducing double deflation method in System of National Accounts (SNA) and the data flow required for the purpose	Due to inadequate data, particularly on service sector prices, double inflation method is not being fully adopted in national accounts. The matter will be reviewed in consultation with the Advisory Committee on National Accounts Statistics (ACNAS) when the data flow improves.

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15	3.19(3)	A detailed status note be prepared by NAD on scope of coverage of local bodies for facilitating further reviews.	A status on the coverage of local bodies in national accounts has been submitted to the NSC vide communication dated 25 th November, 2016.
16	3.19(4)	The methodology presently being used in preparing quarterly estimates of GDP was reviewed by Advisory Committee on National Accounts Statistics (ACNAS) long ago. As such, the NSC desired to have it reviewed by ACNAS again and the results thereof may be placed before the NSC.	The methodology presently being used in preparing quarterly estimates of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was placed before the Advisory committee on National Accounts Statistics (ACNAS) for review and the Minutes were circulated to all members (including NSC), Methodology has been put in public domain for inviting comments. As per recommendation of ACNAS, suggestions on improvements would be examined at the time of the base revision.
17	3.20	In view of severe criticism of GDP data for FY16, NSC desired CSO to make a presentation before NSC covering the major issues raised in media and other articles and the response thereof.	A note on the criticism of GDP data and response thereof has been submitted to the NSC vide, communication data 23 rd March, 2017.
2nd Interim Report of the Expert Group on Estimation of Savings & Investment through Household Survey			
18	3.25	Based on the inputs and deliberations made in its 87th meeting, the NSC recommended the launch of a pilot survey on the lines of its proposed methodology and the survey instruments presented by the Expert Group before the commission.	Preparatory action for the survey is in progress and actual survey will be conducted during April-June, 2018. Analysis and report will be completed by March, 2019.

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Review of Training modules/courses for ISS Officers			
19	3.29(1)	NSSTA to prepare a "reference Document for Training of ISS officers" and place it before NSC for consideration.	As per the recommendation of NSC "Reference Manual for ISS Probationary Training" was prepared incorporating the recommendations mentioned in para 3.29 (1-8). The manual was placed before the NSC in its 93 rd meeting held during 11-12 May, 2017 at Bengaluru. In which, inter-alia the efforts made by NSSTA in preparing the reference manual were highly appreciated by NSC. NSC further recommended that modifications may be made based on the inputs of NSC member (s). Accordingly, after getting the inputs from concerned NSC members, the reference manual has been revised and submitted to NSC on 17.01.2018 for approval.
20	3.29(2)	A reference document on training of ISS officers should clearly indicate the rationale and logic of the proposed courses and their thematic objectives.	
21	3.29(3)	The implication of change in the eligibility condition for recruitment in the Indian Statistical Service from Post-Graduation to Graduation degree in the recent past on training should be brought out.	
22	3.29(4)	The terms of Reference (TOR) of the NSSTA for which it was formed should explicitly be reflected in the document.	
23	3.29(5)	The existing 29 modules should be analyzed in context of the frame work of this document.	
24	3.29(6)	The document should also report on the structure and framework of 'on the job training'.	
25	3.29(7)	The balance between lectures and handouts on skill creation should be discussed.	

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26	3.29(8)	The document should also give comparative picture on the International Standards followed for training similar officers in the other countries with developed Statistical System. The training modules taught at Australian Bureau of Statistics, Statistics Canada, Netherland etc. could also be studied while preparing the training manual.	--do--
Status on the possibility for introducing pilot survey for collection of data on output, input and related prices			
27	3.33(1)	The results presented in the paper are based on a very thin sample and in order to ascertain whether the proposal is feasible or not, the ability to collect contemporaneous information on important items may be ascertained from factories during the ongoing ASI survey 2015-16 on experimental basis without adversely effecting progress of the ongoing survey. The decision to conduct such survey on regular basis will be taken on the basis of this assessment.	It was not be feasible to make any change in the existing web portal of ASI for accommodating collection of quarterly input and output data from factory as the survey for the year 2015-16 was underway. About 5%-6% of total ASI compilation is done by the factory itself and for rest of the cases; active involvement of NSSO field offices is required for compilation of ASI through this portal. Moreover, at present there is no set-up in IS Wing to follow a call centre approach of data collection. Taking into account these aspects, it might not be feasible to integrate this portal-based data collection with the present module of ASI web portal.
28	3.33(2)	During the 92 nd meeting CSO (IS Wing) reported to NSC that a sample of 967 units could be covered and there has been a mixed response. Only about 19% of the units	

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		reported their ability to provide all the desired information and about 32% of the units reported that they are in a position to provide output details.	
29	3.33(3)	NSC recommended that this may be taken up as an exploratory exercise through a call centre approach. A web portal survey may be carried out and the details may be discussed with the Committee of Online Reporting System.	--do--
Discussion on Core Statistics			
30	3.36	Based on the discussions held during the meeting, it was suggested that the document of "National Policy on Official Statistics" is under preparation stage. The core statistics should ideally be a part of the National Policy on official Statistics. In order to take the work further on finalization of "National Policy on official Statistics" Dr Rajiv Mehta, Member, NSC was requested to provide guidance to the CAP division so that the draft is finalized at the earliest.	United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, adopted on 29 th January 2014 by the UN General Assembly, are the spirit behind formulation of a National Policy on Official Statistics for India. As a first step, the Principles have been formally adopted through a Cabinet decision and the adoption has been notified on 15 th June, 2016. In furtherance of these Principles, a National Policy on Official Statistics is being evolved on the basis of the recommendations of the National Statistical Commission and through wider consultation process. Statistics of national importance, known as core statistics, will be covered appropriately in the Policy.

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NSS 70th Round Survey: Special comments on Household Indebtedness in India, Report No. 577			
31	4.7(1)	A footnote stating that household durable goods were not considered as assets in NSS 70 th Round and therefore, a clarification/footnote to the effect that the Average Value of Assets (AVA) per indebted household was very low for the households belonging to the lowest decile class of asset holding may be suitably included in the Report No. 577.	In NSS Report no. 577 titled 'Household Indebtedness in India', a footnote in this regard has been given.
32	4.7(2)	National sample Survey Office will convene a meeting/seminar with all the stakeholders after release of report explaining the highlights of the results, outliers and other important changes on the concepts and definitions. Subject to implementation of these recommendations, the Report No. 577 (Household Indebtedness in India) was approved by the NSC.	The recommendations of the NSC were incorporated in the final NSS Report no. 577. Further, NSSO (CPD) has organized a National Seminar on the results of NSS 70th round at Goa University, Goa during 11 th -12 th September, 2017.
NSS 73rd Round Survey: Estimation Procedure & Tabulation Plan			
33	4.10(1)	The Estimation Procedure and Tabulation Plan for the 73 rd NSS Round submitted by National sample Survey office were approved by the Commission.	Estimates were generated and tabulated accordingly.

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34	4.10(2)	Commission recommended that the number of reports to be released based on the 73rd Round data may be decided by the Working Group constituted for the 73rd NSS round.	Working Group for the NSS 73 rd round had decided to release two reports based on the results of the NSS 73 rd round survey.
35	4.10(3)	During the semi-round 1, EBs have been used in 21 States and in remaining States/UTs, UFS blocks have been used for selecting the sample. Since, there will be different multipliers for different semi-rounds due to use of different frames, the NSC observed that it would be desirable to generate semi-round wise estimates for few lead indicators like number of enterprises and GVA per worker etc., for internal comparison of results for two semi-rounds.	Semi round wise comparison on estimates for lead indicators was done before release of key indicator document of NSS 73 rd round.
36	4.10(4)	The Chairman observed that an intelligent database with user interface is the need of the hour and desired NSSO to move towards adoption of modern technology with data warehouse architecture and study the good international practices on tabulation/dissemination of data. Once a properly designed data warehouse with appropriate facts/dimensions is in place which is capable of generating required data-	MoSPI is in process of developing National Data Warehouse on Official Statistics wherein the concept of generating and designing of customized tables and data visualization from NSSO data will also be featured.

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		<p>cubes dynamically, it would offer possibilities to users to generate and design tables and data visualization. This will not only enhance user experience but also lead to huge value addition to the statistical product. This data dissemination modernization should commence along with the processing of the 73rd Round data and be completed by August, 2017.</p>	
37	4.10(5)	<p>Tabulation Plan provides for generating survey results in an array of large number of tables in different cross classifications of survey data¹. Not all these tables become part of Reports, yet contain valuable information. Hence, NSS should have suitable mechanism of archiving all the tables generated as per TP in digital form for any subsequent use by stakeholders and users. This should be with suitable note that the precision of the estimates in data classifications is expected to depend on the corresponding sample size.</p>	<p>Initiative has been taken for archiving all the tables generated as per the Tabulation Plan in digital form.</p>

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NSS 74th Round Survey: Survey Instruments			
38	4.14(1)	Banks may sell NPAs to securitization companies/ reconstruction companies (SCs/ RCs) registered under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act. SCs/ RCs (Asset Reconstruction Companies) are expected to do a specialized task of recovering and reconstructing the Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) thereby reducing the NPAs in the system. As on date 15 SCs / RCs are registered with RBI. The list may be obtained from the RBI and covered in the 74 th NSS round.	The entire Financial Sector (NIC 2008 2-digit codes 64 to 66) was excluded from the coverage of NSS 74 th survey.
39	4.14(2)	The definition of the term 'auditable accounts' may be made clear in the instruction manual.	The term 'auditable accounts' have been explained as per suggestion of NSC.
40	4.14(3)	The enterprises in Group II category not taken up for updating may be allocated to States in Phase-I. This updated frame may be made use of by the ESD in future. These enterprises will not be covered under the survey in phase II of the NSS 74 th round.	Group II enterprises have been allotted to State DESs for updating in Phase-I. These updated units will not be covered in NSS 74 th round.

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41	4.14(4)	The proposed Area frame survey will not serve any purpose. Hence, it may not be taken up in the 74th round.	Area frame was not used in NSS 74 th round.
42	4.14(5)	The purpose of covering import/ export services is not clear, as the RBI collects some data on this subject as a part of Balance of Payments (BOP) data. The matter may be taken up with Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S) and specific additional information as per DGCI&S requirements (not available with RBI) may be established and collected in the survey.	NSSO (SDRD) took up the matter with the DGCIS and as per their suggestion; provision has been kept in the Schedule for collection of information on export and import of services.
43	4.14(6)	Items in the schedule of inquiry may be re-sequenced, so as to keep those items on which information is easy to get in the forefront. Difficult items may be relegated to the subsequent portions in the schedule of inquiry.	Blocks and items in the Schedule of enquiry have been suitably re-sequenced. For example the blocks on imports/exports have been shifted to the end the Schedule since such information would be difficult to get.
44	4.14(7)	The survey will cover large business firms / enterprises maintaining standard books of accounts and balance sheets. The field work in the survey may need investigators to refer to books of accounts, similar to the ASI. Hence, the field staff for 74th round, both for the Central and State samples, would require good understanding of accounting methods and balance sheets.	In the Instructions to Field Staff, Volume I, the 'Teaching Material' for Annual Survey of Industries (ASI), the relevant Chapters (Chapters 11 to 14) that explain the basic accounting concepts has been included for ready reference to various concepts.

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NSS 75th Round Survey: Subject coverage			
45	4.18	<p>The NSC took note of comprehensive deliberations on the subject coverage of NSS 75th round in its different meetings and recommended Subject coverage of NSS 75th round will be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Household Consumer Expenditure Survey using Modified Mixed Reference Period (MMRP) as adopted in NSS 68th round. b. Household Social Consumption (Health and Education) c. The Working Group for the 75th Round of NSS survey may be constituted quickly in consultation with the Chairman, NSC. 	Action has been taken accordingly.
Approval of Survey Methodology of NSS 75th Round			
46	4.21	The NSC approved the survey instruments formulated by the Working Group.	The survey is being conducted in accordance with the approved survey instruments.
NSS 76th Round Survey: Preliminary discussion on the subject coverage			
47	4.26 (1)	The 76 th round of the NSS would be a six month survey during the period July 2018 - December, 2018. The subjects short-listed for this six month round are (i) Disability (ii) Drinking water (iii) Sanitation, Hygiene and Housing conditions and (iv) Particulars	In the 94 th meeting of NSC, it has been decided that NSS 76 th round will cover survey on (i) Disability (ii) Drinking water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Housing conditions.

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		of slum. However, before finalizing the coverage, it was felt that FOD may assess the work load involved in the above survey to facilitate NSC take a final decision in the matter.	
48	4.26(2)	The 77th round of NSS would be conducted during the calendar year 2019 on the subjects including Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households and All India Debt and Investment Survey. Taking note of the demand received from NAD to include the survey on Land and Livestock holdings in 77th round, NSC desired that NAD may give a detailed note justifying inclusion of survey on the subject before a decision in the matter is taken. NSS 78th round would again be a six month survey during the period January 2020 – June 2020.	Justification given by NAD regarding inclusion of land and livestock holding survey in NSS 77 th Round would be placed before NSC while finalizing the complete coverage of the 77 th Round.
Aspects of finalization and release of NSS reports and its results			
49	4.30	The SDRD may present a note to the NSC giving details of systems and processes being followed in data processing/ report writing along with the suggestion for its improvement.	Details of systems and processes being followed in report writing was presented in 95 th meeting of NSC held at Kolkata on 30 th June, 2017.

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Sampling Design and Schedule of inquiry for Periodic Labour Force Survey, recommended by the Standing Committee on Labour Force Statistics			
50	4.33(1)	The sub-stratification plan recommended by the SCLFS requires further study on the basis of existing relevant data, before its adoption in the PLFS. This may be carried out by the NSSO. Pending this study, the sub-stratification plan being followed in the Employment-Unemployment survey may be adopted in the PLFS.	A presentation on the study recommended by the NSC was made in the 89 th meeting of NSC held during 27.10.2016.
51	4.33(2)	With regard to the schedule of inquiry, it was felt that it would be difficult to elicit information on 'type of enterprise' (13 codes provided) in a household survey. In view of this, instructions on this item need to be very elaborate for guidance to the enumerators.	In the Instructions to Field Staff for PLFS, the guidelines regarding 'type of enterprise' have been elaborated.
Sub-Stratification Variable for the selection of households for Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)			
52	4.39	NSC examined the study made by the SDRD on the Sub-Stratification variable and after detailed deliberations in the meeting, the recommendations given by the SCLFS on the Sub-Stratification variable were endorsed by the NSC.	No further action is required.

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Report on the Expert Committee to evolve Statistical Disclosure Control			
53	4.45	The report of the expert group may be put in public domain (on the website of the Ministry) for inviting the comments of stake holders. The DPD may explore the possibility of developing an algorithm and linking it with the processing software so that cell-wise RSE could be worked out at the time of generating the table.	The report of the expert group was uploaded on the website of this Ministry seeking comments from all the stakeholders. At present the estimates and cell-wise RSE's are generated separately in DPD for use at the time of drafting of reports.
54	4.46	The NSC would review the systems / processes for data processing followed by DPD some-times early next financial year.	A presentation was made by DPD during the 95 th meeting of NSC held on 30.06.2017 on the systems/processes for data processing followed by them.
Methodology for Index of Core Industries (ICI)			
55	5.4(1)	It appears that the NSC did not, in the past, recommend for delinking the ICI from the IIP. However, in the next review, the DIPP may consider this aspect. It may also consider inclusion of more industries in the ICI coverage as per the criteria given in the report of the Committee, taking into consideration the information available in Input-Output tables for deciding coverage and weighting diagram.	The DIPP carried out the base revision of ICI with a new base year 2011-12 in alignment with the base year revision of the IIP. New series of ICI was released on 31 st May 2017 with the Index for April 2017. ICI being precursor to the IIP, DIPP did not delink the ICI from the IIP barring some minor adjustments in items coverage within existing industries. The basket of ICI cover majority of Item groups (Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Refinery Products, Fertilizer and Electricity) in respect of Primary goods as per the Use-based classification of the IIP. A large number of Item groups of Infrastructure/construction goods (Cement and Steel) are also covered. Broadly, the selected eight industries are the core industries having strong

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56	5.4 (2)	So long as the ICI is linked with the IIP, the base revision for ICI may also be carried out along with that of the IIP.	forward and backward linkages. All these industries are also basic in nature and crucial input for many other industries. After considering the coverage and weighting diagram of IIP, it was decided to continue with the eight core industries in the current series with the base year, 2011-12.
57	5.4 (3)	The DIPP may bring out a manual to be placed in the Public domain, wherein the metadata in respect of the ICI is adequately furnished.	In respect of recommendations of the NSC on Para 5.4 (3), DIPP has finalized a manual to be placed in the public domain containing the metadata in respect of ICI and is being circulated among the source agencies for their comments and thereafter would be placed on website of OEA.
Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS)			
58	5.11	MOS&PI needs to take up the matter with Department of Revenue and the Empowered Committee for using National Product Classification for Services Sector (NPCSS) for services.	A communication from the level of Secretary (S&PI) was addressed to the Revenue Secretary in October 2016 requesting to adopt the National Product Classification for Services Sector (NPCSS), 2010 in the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime. The GST Council has notified six digit Service Accounting Codes (SAC) covering all the 5 Sections of eight digit NPCSS 2010 for classifying services under GST framework.
Revision of Base of Wholesale Price Index			
59	5.14(1)	DIPP should ensure that the revised series of WPI with base year 2011-12 is released by December, 2016 along with the revised series of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) which is due to be released in December, 2016 by the Central Statistics Office.	The new series of WPI with base year 2011-12 was released on 12 th May 2017 with effect from April 2017 after approval from Committee of Secretaries vide minutes of meeting held on 14 th March 2017 issued on 13 th April 2017.

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60	5.14(2)	In the revised series of WPI, some changes have been incorporated. The detailed methodology of the new series of WPI should be placed in the official website of DIPP for user's information.	The detailed methodology of the new series of WPI is available in the WPI manual uploaded in the website of Office of Economic Advisor. In addition a detailed FAQ is also available on the website.
61	5.14(3)	DIPP may prepare an explanatory note on the use of GM as compared to AM and place in public domain / official website of DIPP to avoid unnecessary criticism. The explanatory note may also indicate that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) also uses GM for calculation of index and therefore for convergence of methodologies of indices compiled by the Government of India, a decision has been taken to use GM in the revised series of WPI also.	Both the WPI manual and FAQ uploaded in the website of Office of Economic Advisor explain the rationale for using geometric mean.
62	5.14(4)	The DIPP informed that the web portal for uploading the WPI data has become fully functional and prices of about 90-95 percent quotations are being received through portal. The NSC recommended that a status note on the web based reporting system of the price quotations in the new series of WPI may be prepared by the DIPP and placed before NSC for consideration.	The Note was submitted to NSC on 02/02/2017.

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63	5.14(5)	The system of WPI may also ensure that guidelines and instructions for collection of primary price data exist and staff engaged in collection of data is periodically trained and oriented to this activity.	Regular meetings are held with source agencies to ensure submission of quality data on time. NSSO is entrusted with collecting prices from manufacturing sector. Periodic trainings and meetings are organized with NSSO officials to ensure reasonable response rate and resolution of problems. Further detailed guidelines are available on the online web portal for submission of data for field investigators, source agencies etc.
64	5.14(6)	The NSC also took note of the fact that many of the recommendations of Dr. Rangarajan Commission relating to DIPP e.g. relating to Service Price Indices (SPI) have not been implemented even after lapse of 15 years. Office of Economic Adviser should devise a method and give a firm commitment for compilation of Service Price Index within a specific time frame. However, if it is not possible for them to do so, DIPP should indicate its position to National Statistical Commission (NSC) quickly so that alternatives for compilation of Service Price Index should be explored.	Experimental Service Price Indices for six sectors namely Transport, Banking, Postal Services, Telecom, Air Transport and Insurance have been developed and are uploaded on the website of the Office of Economic Adviser. These indices are updated on a regular basis with the cooperation from concerned Ministries and regulators. The index seems to have stabilized and a proposal has been moved for approval of Technical Advisory Committee on Statistics on Prices and Cost of Living, MoSPI.
65	5.14(7)	The NSC also observed that OEA should prepare for Statistical Audit of new WPI series in due course.	The new series of WPI has been launched after detailed assessment of the methodology by the Technical Advisory Committee on Series of prices and Cost of Living and National Statistical Commission and final approval of the Committee of Secretaries. Data

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66	5.14(8)	With these observations, the methodology and the revised series of WPI with base year 2011-12 were approved by National Statistical Commission.	for compilation of WPI is collected primarily from institutional sources for Primary Articles and Fuel and Power Major Group. For Manufacturing Sector, price data from establishments is collected by NSSO. Thus it may be useful to do a statistical audit of the price data collection process by NSSO. OEA is ready for statistical audit.
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67	6.11	The NSC appreciated the innovative approach of DES, Gujarat. The Committee on Analytics set up by NSC had its first meeting in DES, Gujarat to appraise the members about this initiative. The Committee suggested that for developing a model for integrated information system a Pilot project may be taken up with any three states, which may throw up the issues and challenges in taking forward the idea of integrated information system for the country.	Two meetings of the Committee on Analytics set up by NSC have been held and the Committee is in progress of finalization of its report. Based on the recommendations of the final report, pilot project will be undertaken by the concerned Divisions of the Ministry.