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**Ministry of Home Affairs**  
**(CS Division)**

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New Delhi, Dated the 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

To,

The Chief Secretaries,  
All State Governments & UT Administrations.

**Subject:-Extending Cooperation to the staff of National Sample Survey Office (NSSO).**

**Sir/Madam,**

The National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation is responsible for conducting large scale sample surveys on different socio-economic aspects of the Indian society and covers diverse subject like consumer expenditure, health, education, employment and unemployment, agriculture, etc. The NSSO has various field offices spread across country and its Field Investigators are required to visit households and establishments to collect data in these surveys.

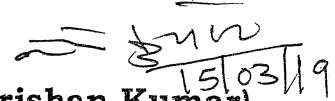
2. In addition to seeking information on general socio-economic conditions of the households, their activities, employment status, several probing questions need to be asked from respondents. The field staff are trained to first sensitize the households and the respondents on the necessary collection of this data and messages are also released through media channels for soliciting cooperation from the public. The Field Investigators are also advised to be in touch with the local authorities so that the field work can go on unhindered and the data reflects the status of the society.

3. However the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has informed that there have been incidents where the field staff have been harassed by certain people. This hampers field work. In these instances, their officers had filed complaints in the Police Station concerned.

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4. All States Governments/UT Administrations are advised to issue appropriate directions to the District level authorities for extending necessary cooperation and timely help in case of any untoward incidents, in the course of work of the field staff of NSSO.

**Yours faithfully,**

  
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| 1. The Principal Secretary/Secretary (Home) | } All State Govts/<br>UT Administrations. |
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Shri Pravin Srivastava, Secretary & Chief Statistician of India, M/o Statistics and Programme Implementation, Sardar Patel Bhawan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi 110 001 w.r.t. his D.O. letter No.A-22055/4/Misc/2018 – Coord dated 27.2.2019. It may also please be ensured that the field Investigators carry a tamper-proof Photo Identity Card so as to establish their identity when deputed for data collection.