

The ‘**Support for Statistical Strengthening**’ (SSS) Scheme is an ongoing scheme of the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) which aims to improve the statistical capacity and operations of State Statistical Systems for collecting, compiling and disseminating reliable official statistics. The scheme enables States / UTs to undertake statistical activities of considerable importance for which state funding is not available and also ensures that the statistical activities which are considered important by Centre are also strengthened.

The Scheme is implemented through the State Directorates of Economics & Statistics, as per the approved activities/targets/outputs detailed out in the State’s specific MoUs signed between the Govt. of India and respective States/UTs.

- **The State of Meghalaya signed the MoU with the MoSPI on the 24th July, 2018**
- **The State High Level Steering Committee (SLHSC) under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya, was reconstituted by the Government vide letter No. PLA.64/2011/152 dated 17th March, 2017 for implementation of the scheme**

The Scheme has nine themes/items for implementation

Sl. No.	Items / Themes	Total Cost (in Rs. Crores)
1.	Statistical Applications and enabling IT support including Hardware and software	1.23
2.	Preparation of State Strategic Statistical Plan(SSSP) and signing of MOU by States with Govt. of India	0.10
3.	Implementation of recommendations of Technical Groups / Bodies for filling up existing and expected / emerging data gaps, including State/UT specific additionalities	2.07
4.	HRD issues, with a focus on Training for Capacity Development and Skills Enhancement/ up gradation, including support to Regional Training Centres	1.87
5.	Introduction of Innovative Techniques and Methodologies for improving the efficacy of statistical processes and operations	0.17
6.	Holding of regular/periodic (say once every year) User-Producer dialogues, stakeholders' consultations and Conduct of periodic (say annual) surveys on user-satisfaction.	0.40
7.	Dissemination of Annual Reports on the performance of State Statistical Systems and improving the cost effectiveness and ease of data access.	0.19
8.	Data quality and efficiency improvement measures- Participation in Surveys of the National Sample Survey Office including the Periodic Labour Force Survey(PLFS), Annual Survey of Services Sector Enterprises (ASSSE), Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE), Time Use Survey (TUS); Strengthening Monitoring Framework for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	4.36
9.	Advocacy Issues viz. Publicity and IEC (Information, Education and Communication) to improve usage of Statistical Products & services	0.62
<b>Total</b>		<b>11.01</b>

Till date, the DES – Meghalaya, being the nodal and implementing agency, has received Rs. **2.73 Crores**(which is the first instalment released by MoSPI for implementing the scheme) and out of which a total of Rs. **1,38,74,797 only** has been utilised till date in the following areas. Presently, the period of the Scheme has been **extended to March, 2021.**

SN	On-going Activities under SSS Scheme
1.	Developing of Software / web-based application by NIC – Meghalaya
2.	Preparation of State Strategic Statistical Plan(SSSP) and signing of MOU by States with Govt. of India (Completed)
3.	Consultancy for Studies to improve State Domestic Product estimation and undertaking of methodological improvements in conducting Crop Cutting Experiment (CCE) on 13 crops and methodologies for new selected crops in the State wherein 20 officers from DES and Directorate of Agriculture were imparted training at IASRI, Pusa, New Delhi during January, 2020
4.	DES has conducted trainings and workshops in Shillong wherein experts from different Ministries of the GoI imparted the trainings on various subjects such as National Quality Assurance, Consumer Price Index (CPI), applications for statistical tools, data collection, compilation and analysis, statistical systems to officials from DES and other line departments.
5.	Various line departments like Planning Dept, Soil and Water Conservation Dept., NESAC, Police Dept were engaged in various surveys and studies to improve on data quality and data efficiency through the Scheme
6.	DES is engaged in awareness campaigns for official statistics through advertisement in audio and visual media