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*Minutes of the first meeting of the State Level Steering Committee (SLSC) on 6<sup>th</sup> Economic Census held on 16-07-2012, 3PM at Chief Secretary's Committee Room, Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram*

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The meeting started at 3PM in the Chief Secretary's Committee Room. The list of participants of the meeting is appended.

Sri. K. Jayakumar, Hon. Chief Secretary & the Ex-officio Chief Economic Census Commissioner of the State presided over the meeting. Director, Economics and Statistics Department (DES) was directed to explain the details of 6<sup>th</sup> Economic Census. Accordingly, the Director briefed the salient features and methodology of the 6<sup>th</sup> Economic Census.

DES stated that Economic Census (EC) is the official count of all entrepreneurial units located within the geographical boundaries of the country or a region and involved in any economic activity – either in agriculture (excluding crop production and plantation) or in non-agricultural sectors of the economy. It is a 100% Central Sector Scheme (CSS). The total outlay of 6<sup>th</sup> Economic Census is ₹ 763.49 crores of which ₹ 19.54 crores is sanctioned to the State for the conduct of the Census.

The field work of 6<sup>th</sup> Economic Census is proposed to be started by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013 and completed within the month itself. The preliminary works relating to the census has already been started. The State Level Steering Committee and District level monitoring committees have been constituted and Government has sanctioned 9 posts to constitute a Cell in the Directorate of Economics and Statistics for the effective coordination of the Census in the State.

After detailed discussion the following decisions were taken in the meeting.

1. To approve the Action plan and Activity Chart of the 6<sup>th</sup> Economic Census and to transmit the same to Central Statistical Office, Government of India.
2. For the conduct of the field work of the 6<sup>th</sup> Economic Census, it was decided to utilize the service of Mahila Pradhan Agents having prescribed qualification (+2 and above). In the absence of Mahila Pradhan Agents with prescribed qualification, required number of persons will be selected from the open market through Newspaper advertisement.
3. The honorarium for the field work of the survey will be disbursed on the basis of schedules canvassed, instead of honorarium fixed per Enumeration Block.
4. To issue Government order for utilising the service of staff working in the statistical cell in the line Departments for the field supervision of the 6<sup>th</sup> Economic Census.

5. To utilize the services of data entry operators from Kudambasree for data entry of Directory of Establishment schedules (Schedule- 6C). If sufficient number of data entry operators from Kudambasree is not available, the required persons will be selected from qualified persons through Newspaper advertisement
6. The Assistant Director (Programme), Doordarshan was directed to give all assistance in respect of advertisement of 6<sup>th</sup> Economic Census through Doordarshan.
7. Committee discussed about the delay in publishing the reports of earlier Economic Census and decided to bring to the attention of Central Statistical Office to publish the survey report in time.

The meeting ended at 4.30 PM.