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## WHY IN NEWS

The **National Statistics Office (NSO)**, under the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)**, launched the **first-ever Annual Survey of Incorporated Services Sector Enterprises (ASISSE)** from April 2026. The survey covers all States and UTs with a **reference period of FY 2024–25** and a **sample size of approximately 1.21 lakh enterprises**. India's services sector contributes **over 50% of GDP** and employs millions — yet official enterprise-level data has been sparse.

## INDIA'S SERVICES SECTOR — SCALE AND SIGNIFICANCE

INDICATOR	DETAIL
Services sector share of GDP	~55% (FY 2024–25)
Services sector share of employment	~30% of workforce
Major sub-sectors	IT/ITeS, trade, transport, hospitality, education, health, finance
India's services exports	~\$340 billion (2023–24) — top 7 globally
Largest employer in formal services	IT and business services (~5+ million)

## WHAT IS ASISSE?

### Full Name and Coverage

**Annual Survey of Incorporated Services Sector Enterprises (ASISSE)**

PARAMETER	DETAIL
Launched by	NSO / MoSPI
Type	Annual survey (to be conducted every year)
Reference period	FY 2024–25 (first round)
Coverage	All States and Union Territories
Target entities	Companies under Companies Act 1956/2013 and LLPs under LLP Act 2008
Sample size	~1.21 lakh enterprises
Key outputs	Operational indicators, economic indicators, employment data

## What Does It Measure?

- **Gross output and value added** — contribution to GDP from incorporated services
- **Employment and wages** — formal employment in the services sector
- **Capital formation** — investment by services firms
- **Financial health** — profits, liabilities, assets of services enterprises
- **Sector composition** — breakdown by type of service (trade, transport, IT, health, etc.)

## WHY THIS SURVEY IS IMPORTANT

### The Data Gap Problem

India has good data on:

- **Industry:** Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) — covers manufacturing factories
- **Agriculture:** Multiple surveys (crop area, production)

But official enterprise-level data on services has been **fragmented and infrequent**:

- Earlier attempts: **Economic Census** (last done in 2013–14, not annual) and **NSSO Enterprise Surveys** (periodic, not annual)
- **Unincorporated services** partly covered by NSSO’s unorganised sector surveys
- **Incorporated services** had no dedicated annual survey — now addressed by ASISSE

### Impact on GDP Estimation

**India’s GDP is estimated using:**

- 1 **Production approach** — value added by each sector
- 2 **Expenditure approach** — consumption + investment + government + net exports

Services GDP is partly estimated using proxy indicators (tax data, financial statements from MCA21 database). ASISSE will provide **direct enterprise-level data** improving GDP accuracy and sectoral breakdowns.

## MOSPI AND NSO — KEY STATISTICS BODIES

BODY	ROLE
<b>MoSPI</b> (Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation)	Apex statistics ministry; coordinates national statistics
<b>NSO</b> (National Statistics Office)	Merged body: CSO + NSSO (2019); conducts national surveys
<b>CSO</b> (Central Statistics Office)	GDP compilation; merged into NSO
<b>NSSO</b> (National Sample Survey Office)	Household and enterprise surveys; merged into NSO
<b>National Statistical Commission (NSC)</b>	Independent advisory body; recommends statistical standards

### NSO's major surveys/outputs:

- **CPI (Consumer Price Index)** — monthly inflation
- **IIP (Index of Industrial Production)** — monthly factory output
- **GDP estimates** — quarterly and annual
- **PLFS (Periodic Labour Force Survey)** — annual employment survey
- **HCE Survey (Household Consumption Expenditure Survey)** — periodic consumption data

## UPSC RELEVANCE

### Prelims

- ASISSE: Annual Survey of Incorporated Services Sector Enterprises
- Launched by: NSO/MoSPI, April 2026
- Reference period: FY 2024–25
- Sample size: ~1.21 lakh
- Services sector GDP share: 55%+

- NSO = merged CSO + NSSO (2019)

## Mains

- “India’s statistical machinery must modernise to capture the true scale of the services economy. Critically examine.” (GS3)
- Challenges in GDP estimation in a service-dominated economy

## FACTS CORNER

FACT	DETAIL
ASISSE	First-ever annual survey of incorporated services sector
Launched by	NSO under MoSPI
Sample size	~1.21 lakh enterprises
Reference period	FY 2024–25
Services GDP share	~55% of India’s GDP
NSO formation	2019 — merger of CSO and NSSO
Companies Act	1956 (old) / 2013 (current)
LLP Act	2008
Earlier data source	MCA21 database (financial statements of companies)

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