



## National Statistical Commission

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- Recently the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation** released the **draft National Statistical Commission (NSC) Bill** in public domain for feedback.
- The Bill seeks to establish NSC as the **nodal, autonomous** and **statutory body** for **all core statistical activities**. It also proposes the NSC to be a **body corporate**. The current body lacks statutory backing.
- **Formation:** The Government of India through a **resolution** dated 1<sup>st</sup> June, **2005** set up the National Statistical Commission (NSC), on the **recommendations of the Rangarajan Commission**, which **reviewed the Indian Statistical System** in **2001**.
- **Present Status of the NSC :**
  - **Composition :** It has a **part-time Chairperson, 4 part-time Members and an ex-officio Member**, each having specialization and experience in specified statistical fields.
  - The **Chief Statistician of India** is the Secretary of the Commission.
  - He is also the Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
  - **Mandate:** To **evolve policies, priorities** and **standards** in statistical matters.
    - To improve the data quality in the statistical products and processes and work closely with the statistical agencies in the central and state government to ensure its implementation.
    - The NSC is a **recommending body** that helps the national statistical system in **evolving better strategies to improve the functioning of the system**.

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