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Economic Database Management

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Module II: India's Specific Data Sources

India possesses an extensive, sophisticated statistical architecture overseen by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) and institutional regulatory bodies.

Unit 9, 10 & 11: NSSO, CSO/NSO, and Annual Survey of Industries

- **National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO / now NSO Survey Division):** Established in 1950 by P.C. Mahalanobis. Conducts nationwide large-scale, multi-subject socio-economic sample surveys on household consumer expenditure, employment-unemployment (Periodic Labour Force Survey - PLFS), domestic tourism, health, and education.
- **Central Statistical Office (CSO / NSO National Accounts Division):** Compiles and releases official annual and quarterly Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Index of Industrial Production (IIP), and Consumer Price Indices (CPI).
- **Annual Survey of Industries (ASI):** The principal source of industrial statistics in India, covering all registered factories under the Factories Act, 1948. Collects micro-level data on capital invested, raw materials consumed, gross output, wages, profits, and value added.

Unit 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17: Regulators, Administrative Portals, and NFHS

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI DBIE):** The *Database on Indian Economy* provides comprehensive historical time series on monetary aggregates, banking operations, foreign exchange reserves, external debt, and financial markets.
- **SEBI Handbook of Statistics:** Securities market metrics: equity turnover, mutual fund AUM, FPI flows, and market capitalization.
- **Administrative Datasets:** EPFO payroll data (tracking formal sector employment additions), Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA21 database covering registered corporate financial filings), and Open Government Data Platform India (`data.gov.in`).
- **Census of India:** Decennial decennial enumeration of population, urbanization, literacy, and demographic profiles.
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