Housing and Building Construction Statistics data:

Reliable housing and building construction statistics are important in the formulation of housing policy and programmes in the country as well as at regional level for improvement of living condition of people especially the needy poor.

Broad Purposes:

- ➢ Assessment of housing stock in the country.
- ➢ Assessment of housing conditions and needs(Structure, Congestion, Obsolesce/ Estimation of housing shortage in the country.
- ➢ Estimation of Gross Value Added(GAV) in housing and building construction(The share of construction(dwelling) sector in Gross Domestic Product(GDP)).
- ➢ Estimation of Gross Fixed Capital Formation.
- ➢ Evaluation of housing programmes from time to time.
- ➢ Estimating the supply and demand for construction materials equipments and labour.
- ➢ Estimating the requirement of financial resources and for implementing the housing programmes.
- ➢ Framing appropriate land use policy for orderly and planned growth of the city.
- ➢ Development of infrastructure like water supply, electricity and other basic amenities.

Data on current Housing and Building Construction are being collected from the builders/individuals in the private sector on census basis in 51 class I and II town as well as from the 22 selected Class III to VI towns. Apart from this, data on construction of buildings undertaken by the State Government and State Government undertakings are also collected.

The data collected under the Housing and Building Construction Statistics relates to location and nature of construction, type of construction, plinth/floor area of the project, estimated cost of the project, number and type of dwellings and value of work done during the reference year.   The details of private building construction activity include not only construction, but also addition and alterations to the existing buildings as in the case of public sector.

The responsibility of DE&S is to collect the filled in schedules/forms from the concerned state authorities and sending the statistical data to NBO by the online transmission. For this purpose the NBO has already developed customised software **viz., Building Related Information & Knowledge System(BRIKS)** for online data transmission.

Along with the collection of above statistics, the data on prices of building materials, wages of labour etc., from state capital and other important cities in the State needs to be collected from the field units of PWD/BDO/DES.