

## **National Sample Survey(NSS):**

The National Sample Survey was started in the year 1950 by the Government of India to collect essential information through out the country with a view to improve the quality of the available data and to cover the existing gaps pertaining to the statistical information in the country. In the Nationwide National Sample Survey Socio-economic enquiries as multi-subject surveys have been conducted in which a number of topics of current interest in taken up for the sake of economy and convenience. These include Household Consumer Expenditure, Employment and Unemployment, Disability, Social Consumption, Enterprises in the un-organised sector etc., Round wise details of the NSS survey conducted are provided in Annexure-1.

The present NSS 68<sup>th</sup> round of National Sample Survey is devoted exclusively for collection of data on Household Consumption Expenditure and on Employment and Unemployment. The Field Operations of the survey is from July,2011 to June,2012. The one year round itself consists of 4 sub-rounds each of 3 months duration, with the total number of samples equally divided among these sub-rounds. 512 state samples have been allotted for the NSS 68<sup>th</sup> round.

The results pertaining to different socio-economic activities obtained from the earlier rounds of the survey have been fully used by the Planning Commission in its five-year plans, Industries Policies, Health policies and poverty alleviation programmes. Different institutions of the Central Government, State Governments, Research Organisations and educational institutions also have totally used the NSS results. The purpose of the National Sample Survey is to update the source of information as per the existing circumstances.