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MESSAGE

I am glad to know that Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) successfully conducted the nationwide Economic Census during 31 March-31 May 2013 in two phases. It is a great occasion today that we are releasing the preliminary report of Economic Census 2013. The preliminary report is published as an interim measure to meet the growing need of the users. This report has been prepared on the basis of compilation of Tally Sheet.

It may be mentioned that the present government has given emphasis on the collection and compilation of quality statistical data and its timely release for national planning and policy making. In view of this, we have not only re-established the Statistics Division but also strengthened as Statistics and Informatics Division (SID). We have already started to re-organize and re-engineer the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics as an efficient National Statistical Organization (NSO). The Statistics Act 2013 has been enacted in the National Parliament to eliminate the duplication of data generation by the several government agencies by mandating BBS as the standalone national agency to produce official statistics in coordination with all stakeholders.

Realizing the importance of Statistics, the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had established BBS in 1974 bringing together the then existing five statistical organizations. Statistics Division was established in 1975 to provide policy guidance to BBS. Since then BBS has been conducting periodic censuses and surveys under the administrative guidance of the Statistics Division. Unfortunately, Statistics Division was abolished in 2002 which was detrimental to the statistical system of the country.

Ever since its establishment BBS has been regularly conducting different censuses including the Economic Census. The first non-agricultural economic census was conducted in 1986. The second economic census was conducted in two phases- in 2001 (urban) & in 2003 (rural) and the third one was held in 2013.

The report contains key information on number of establishments, their types, activities classified as major industry, ISIC/BSIC category, division and group level. I hope that the report will help policy makers, planners and other development partners in formulating policies, fixing strategies and undertaking programmes for the overall development of the country.

I thank all the officials and staff members of BBS and SID for bringing out this preliminary report with efficiency and speed. I would like to thank persons both within and outside the government who contributed in the smooth implementation of the census programme and made it a success.



Md. Nojibur Rahman
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FOREWORD

I am happy to learn that the preliminary report of the Economic Census 2013 held during 31 March-31 May 2013 is going to be published by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics. This is the first full count census covering all sectors of the economy throughout the country at a time.

The objective of the report is to provide up-to-date information on the number of establishments, types and activities classified by major industries. I hope that the final report would be published soon and included detailed information available from the census.

Economic Census 2013 was different from earlier censuses in different dimensions. Listing operation of all Households and Establishments was conducted before the main census. The collected information was captured through Union Information Service Center (UISC) and transmitted to BBS Headquarters through internet. Meetings with business communities and other stakeholders such as Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FBCCI), Dhaka Chambers of Commerce and Industries (DCCI), Shop Owners Association, Business Associations, Local Administrations etc. were arranged. Some important Statistical Classifications-Bangladesh Standard Industrial Classification (BSIC) 2009, Bangladesh Central Product Classification (BCPC) etc. were used. Field Level Budget Allocations were displayed in the Offices of Deputy Commissioners, Regional Statistical Officers, Upazilla Statistical Officers and other important notice boards so that financial transparency can be ensured. Initiatives for conducting Post Enumeration Check (PEC) survey by an Independent Organization has been undertaken for evaluating the quality and coverage of the main census. Wide media campaign was launched to make the people aware regarding the census.

I extend my deep appreciation to Director General of BBS, the Project Management Team (PMT) and other officials of BBS for their sincere efforts for conducting the census & the publication of this report. I will be failing in my duty if I do not acknowledge the valuable contribution and analytical inputs from the distinguished Chairperson and Members of the Technical Committee in finalizing this preliminary report within the shortest possible time. The Members of the Steering Committee also deserve a special acknowledgement for providing necessary guidance and ensuring the oversight which immensely helped the PMT to achieve results. Finally, I offer our deepest gratitude to our esteemed citizens who extended all-out cooperation for the smooth conduct of the census.

Suggestions and comments on the report are most welcome as BBS has been striving for excellence.

Agrahayon, 1419
November, 2013

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PREFACE

The third Economic Census throughout the country was successfully conducted by Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) during 31 March - 31 May 2013 in two phases. It is the second major statistical operation of the BBS and involves massive operation both at the field & national level. The main objectives of the census are to provide an updated frame for undertaking future socio-economic surveys for revising and updating the national income accounts. A major breakthrough has been made in the system of classification of all enterprises & establishments following International Standard Industrial Classifications (ISIC) Rev-IV. Another improvement has been brought through collecting the information on employment which will facilitate classification of the economic units into size groups. This census will also be used to prepare a business register of all economic activities for conducting future establishment & institution based surveys.

In order to meet the needs of government administration, policy makers, planners and other users this preliminary report has been prepared based on the tally sheets (summary results) containing key information on number of total units, permanent establishments, temporary establishments, households with economic activities and the sectoral categories of establishments by administrative divisions. The results of the preliminary report may slightly differ from those of the final report as it will be prepared after processing all census questionnaires.

I gratefully acknowledge the contribution of the Secretary, Statistics and Informatics Division (SID) for his overall guidance and encouragement in conducting the census and bringing out this preliminary report. Thanks to the officials and employees of

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