

# Data Sharing and Accessibility Policy of Educational Survey Division

## 1. Objectives and Scope:

There has been an increasing demand by the community that data collected with the development of public funds should be made more readily available to all, for enabling rational debate, better decision making and use in meeting civil society needs. The objective of this Data Sharing and Accessibility Policy is to facilitate access to the Government of India's National Achievement Survey (NAS) data through the establishment of principles and procedures for sharing the data. This policy operates within the framework of various related policies, acts and rules of Government of India, thereby permitting wider accessibility and use of public data and information. The Data Sharing and Accessibility Policy of ESD is designed to apply to all NAS data and information created, generated, collected and archived using public funds provided by Government of India directly or through authorized agencies by various Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations/ Agencies and Autonomous bodies.

### **Section 4(2) of the Right to information Act, 2005 reads:**

"It shall be a constant endeavor of every public authority to take steps in accordance with the requirements of clause (b) of sub-section (1) to provide as much information suo motu to the public at regular intervals through various means of communication, including internet, so that the public have minimum resort to the use of this Act to obtain information."

## 2. Principles:

This policy is to support the Government of India in its commitment to transparency and efficiency in governance. The data is to be made available through a web-based portal that is clear and simple for everybody to use. The shared data should be accessible to all users including those with special visual and audial needs.

The data repository will hold current and historical data. The data is to be updated periodically in line with the NAS survey cycles.

Online analytical processing of data will be available on the web portal. The main features of the web portal will include:

- Secure web access
- Search based reports and dynamic reports in exportable formats
- Complete metadata in standardised formats.

### 3. **Information on availability of data:**

On-line data is available in two ways:

**Open Access:** Sharable data is available without any process of registration / authorization. Documents available through open access include:

- NAS Technical reports
- State summary reports
- Videos and films
- Policy advice
- Research papers

**Restricted Access:** Data declared as restricted will be accessible following a registration process. This process is to ensure that ESD can track the users and the use of the data. The users are required to register their names through the web portal and then download the information needed using the user name and password provided to them at the time of registration. They will also need to sign a confidentiality agreement before they can access the data. Data available through restricted access include:

- Raw data
- Background questionnaires
- Technical reports

**No Access:** Data which is not accessible includes:

- Names of students, teachers and schools: due to protection of confidentiality.

### 4. **Using our data:**

We also ask that users inform ESD of any analysis or publications resulting from their work with the dataset. This helps us maintain an overview of how the data is being used. If you use the NAS data in any publication, we would be grateful if you include the following acknowledgement:

*'The data used in this publication come from India's National Achievement Survey (NAS) data. NAS are carried out by Education Survey Department, National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi in cooperation with State bodies such as SCERTs and State Examination Boards.'*

### 5. **Price details:**

Hard copies of certain documents are available on request. There will be a charge for this service in line with the Council's pricing policy.

## **6. Implementation:**

An oversight committee will be constituted for facilitating the implementation of the policy and its provisions thereof. The Division will maintain the web portal which will be accessible through the NCERT website. The Department of Science and Technology has been entrusted by Government of India for serving the nodal functions of coordination and monitoring of data sharing policy through close collaboration with all Central Ministries and the Department of Information Technology by creating data.gov.in through National Informatics Centre (NIC). The Division, taking cognizance of this fact will collaborate with the Department of Science and Technology and provide a link to the accessible data in the data.gov.in portal.

## **7. Legal Framework:**

Data will remain the property of the Division, and reside in their IT enabled facility for sharing and providing access. Access to data under this policy will not be in violation of any acts and rules of the Government of India in force. Legal framework of this policy will be aligned with various acts and rules covering the data.

## **8. Contact us:**

We are very interested to learn of any secondary analysis of our data and about any forthcoming publications that may arise from work with NAS data. Please contact us:

- if you would like to have access to NAS data
- for any further information about our data or our methodology
- if you would like to be kept informed of future data workshops.