

## Sample Registration System

### Baseline Survey Report -2004

The 'Baseline Survey Report: 2004' released in July, 2007 is the first documented Report that provides bench mark data at the latest replacement of SRS sample in 2004 for future comparison. Based on survey in the newly selected 7,597 sample units (4,433 rural and 3,164 urban) drawn on the 2001 census frame and spread across all States and Union Territories, it covers information gathered for about 1.34 million households and nearly 6.7 million population. Besides information on population distribution, age at marriage etc. which is usually contained in annual SRS Reports, the Baseline Report gives valuable information on items such as, school attendance; proportion of children aged 0-4 years staying away from one or both the parents; conditional sex-ratio by birth order; knowledge and practice of family planning methods; morbidity and disease pattern; personal habits – smoking, drinking and chewing paan; and food habits – vegetarianism vs. non-vegetarianism.

Some of the salient findings of the Baseline Report: 2004 are as under:

- 2.2 percent of the males and 4.1 percent of the females at the national level have been reported as married below the legal age at marriage.
- About 71 percent of the households in the country have no elderly member (60 years & above).
- Nearly 4 out of 5 children (boys & girls) in the age group 7-9 years, at the national level, have been reported to be attending the school.
- On an average, the difference between the age at marriage of males and females is 4.7 years at the time of marriage
- About 2.4 percent of the children aged 0-4 years have been reported to be not staying with their parents.
- The Effective Reproductive span (difference between mean age at sterilization and marriage) is reportedly 6.4 years.
- About 3 percent of the country's population has been reported to be morbid.
- 3 out of 4 persons aged 15 years & above have been reported to be non-vegetarian.

For details please refer to the following publication:

**Sample Registration System (SRS): Baseline Survey Report -2004**

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