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Subject: Amendments to Indian Statistical Institute Act, 1959 (No. 57 of 1959).

The Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) is an autonomous institute under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. ISI is an Institute of National Importance declared as such as per the provisions of ISI Act, 1959 (No. 57 of 1959). The Section 4 of the ISI Act, 1959 provides for ISI to grant degrees and diplomas in certain subject areas.

2. To broaden the purview of the existing provisions of the ISI Act, 1959 (Section 4), the Ministry is considering a proposal for bringing out certain amendments to ISI Act, 1959. A brief of the proposal is annexed herewith. The comments / views of the Citizens / stake holders are invited on the above mentioned proposal for amendment of the ISI Act, 1959.

3. The comments/suggestions, if any, may be submitted (preferably through email) at [capisi-mospi@gov.in](mailto:capisi-mospi@gov.in), or in the following address (postal) latest by 27.12.2019.

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1. Director, ISI Kolkata
2. Head, CSSC- with a request to kindly upload the Circular and Annexure in the website of the Institute
3. AO, Council Section
4. All Notice Boards of all Centres, Outlying Units, and Branch

### Proposal for bringing out amendments to Section 4 of the ISI Act, 1959

The Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) is an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) and is devoted to the research, teaching in Statistics and its applications in related subjects, natural sciences and social sciences.

2. The institute gained the status of an Institution of National Importance through Indian Statistical Institute Act, 1959. The Section 4 of the ISI Act, 1959 empowers ISI, *inter-alia*, to grant degrees and diplomas in statistics, mathematics, quantitative economics, computer science and such other subjects related to statistics. It is now proposed to amend the section 4 of the Act for making provisions that the ISI could award degrees and diplomas in subjects pertaining to natural and social sciences, in addition to the existing provisions. The details are stated in the following table.

Existing provision of Section 4 of the ISI Act, 1959	Proposed Amendments	Justification
"Notwithstanding anything contained in the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, or in any other law for the time being in force, the Institute may hold such examinations and grant such degrees and diplomas in statistics, mathematics, quantitative economics, computer science and such Other subject related to statistics as may be determined by the Institute from time to time."	Notwithstanding anything contained in the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or in any other law for the time being in force, the Institute may hold such examinations and grant such degrees and diplomas (a) in statistics, mathematics, quantitative economics, computer science (b) and such other subject related to statistics (c) <u>as well as other subjects of natural sciences, social sciences and multi-disciplinary</u>	ISI is presently conducting academic programmes and granting degrees/diplomas in statistics, mathematics, quantitative economics, computer science and such other subject related to statistics. Students in ISI also pursue research activities in the field of natural /social sciences and other multi-disciplinary areas which have a bearing on development of statistics. However, the Institute is not able to award in these research areas due to absence of enabling provisions in the Section 4 of the ISI Act, 1959 restricting the institute to widen its research and development activities. It may be stated that statistics and its related applications in various fields

areas having a bearing on mutual development of statistics and these

areas as may be determined by the Institute from time to time.

have gained prominence in the changing global scenario and evolving technological advancements in the field of education. Accordingly, the approach of education needs to be geared up to meet the needs of time for going towards multi-disciplinary system. This is also in consonance with the provisions of National Education Policy 2019.

In view of the above and also in order to keep pace with the fast changing education landscape in the changing global scenario, it is proposed to amend Section 4 of ISI Act so as to enable ISI to grant degrees in various multi-disciplinary subjects including in natural /social sciences.