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Civil Registration Department was established in solar year 1297 (A.D.1918) to register vital events. Registration of Birth, Death, Marriage and divorce by the Department stipulated establishment of an organization responsible for collection of information on the country's population. This led to the approval of a regulation in solar year 1303 (A.D.1924) where by the department responsible for statistics and its duties was determined and responsibility for collection and centralization of necessary statistics was entrusted to the Ministry of the Interior.

In Khordad, solar year 1318 (A.D. June, 1939), the first census law was approved by National Council Parliament. In execution of the law, from 10th Esfand (March) of the same year, the population census was taken only in Tehran and in solar years 1319 and 1320 (A.D. 1940 and 1941) 33 cities were gradually enumerated. In Esfand, solar year 1331 (March, 1952) Cooperation Organization of Public Statistics was established. Statistics and census law was approved in Farvardin, solar year 1332 (A.D. April, 1958). In that year, Department of Statistics and Census seceded from the General Department of Statistics and civil Registration and joined the Cooperation Organization of Public Statistics. Thus, for the first time an organization exclusively responsible for collection of statistics was established and was renamed Department of Public Statistics affiliated to the Ministry of the Interior in solar year 1334 (1956).

The Department implemented the first national census of population and housing in solar year 1335 (1956). Upon establishment of the Department of Public Statistics, statistical activities entered new stage and different kinds of surveys were annually executed in different Socio-economic areas the most important of which are as follows:

- Agriculture Survey in solar year 1330 (1960)
- Population sample Survey in solar year 1342 (1963)
- Manufacturing establishments Census in Solar year 1342 (1963)
- Household budget Survey in solar year 1342 (1963)

According to the solar year 1344 (1965) Law and due to increasing requirements of planning organizations for information and statistics as well as necessity of very close collaboration of main organization producing statistics with the planning organizations, the Department of Public Statistics was detached from the Ministry of the Interior and transformed into the Statistical Center of Iran affiliated to the Plan and Budget Organization.

In the year 1379 (2000), the Plan and Budget Organization and the State Organization for Employment and Administrative Affairs merged to gather into Management and Planning Organization. In 1386, Organization of Management and Planning changed to Vice Presidencv of Planning and Strategic Supervision. At present, Statistical Centre of Iran is dependent on Vice Presidency of planning and Strategic Supervision.
The Statistical Center of Iran (SCI) is depended on Vice Presidency of planning and Strategic Supervision. Considering stages of each statistical project such as preparation of subject-matter design, preparation of technical design, implementation and data processing, the organizational system of the Center comprises four Deputies.

1. Deputy for Statistical Projects
2. Deputy for Planning and Supervision
3. Deputy for Information Technology
4. Deputy for Administrative and Financial

1- Deputy for Statistical Projects

Study and recognition of Statistical requirements of the country, determination of priorities based on pressing needs for managerial staff and updating of Statistics on population, manpower, household expenditure and income, agriculture (farming, animal husbandry and fishery, etc.), manufacturing, mine and energy (electricity, gas and water, etc.) construction (residential and non-residential), communication (transportation, cargo, passenger and communication), trade and services etc., are among major duties of this Deputy. Departments related to the deputy:

- Bureau of Labour Force, Population and Census
- Bureau of Cultural and Trade Statistics
- Bureau of Industrial, Mineral and Environmental Statistics
- Bureau of Agricultural Statistics
- Bureau of Infrastructural and Construction Statistics
- Bureau for Sampling Surveys

2- Deputy for Planning and Supervision

Major duties of the Deputy include study of international recommendations on national accounts and their adjustments to the countries conditions with regard to national accounts system, study and recognition of statistical requirements on price indices, identification of sources of statistical production, collection of statistics produced and study on process of administrative records produced (registers) in executive organizations, preparation of statistical projects in different fields etc. Departments and Bureaus functioning under the Deputy:

- Bureau of Registers
- Bureau of Supervision Quality Control
- Bureau of Economic Accounts
- Bureau of Statistical Standards
Bureau of Prices Indices
Bureau of Planning and Secretariat of High Council of Statistics

3- Deputy for Information Technology

Analysis, preparation and adjustment of electronic and non-electronic systems for subject-matter and statistical projects, coordination and comment on the designed systems, mechanization, correction and updating of statistical maps, preparation of subject-matter list for the varieties of codes, preparation of publication patterns, appropriate dissemination of statistical information, preparation and sale of publications and statistical yearbooks, giving necessary guidance to the visitors to the SCI to obtain their required statistical data, etc. are major duties of the Deputy. Related Departments are as follows:

Bureau of Map and Geographical Information
Bureau of Information and Statistical Databases
Bureau of System and Software Services
Bureau of Network and Computer Services

4- Deputy for Administrative and Financial

Major duties of the deputy consist of study and examination of staff training requirements, collection of the SCI credits on the basis of funds allocated by the Management of planning Organization, supervision over related departments within the framework of rules and regulations, enforcement of administrative and employment regulation, preparation and issuance of all employment orders, preparation and provision of office supplies, registration and distribution of the letters received etc.

Bureau of Training and Management Services.
Department of Financial Affairs.