Industrial Statistics of Sri Lanka

Introduction
For the purpose of compilation Industrial statistics, Department of Census & Statistics (DCS) of Sri Lanka carries out decennial establishment censuses and annual industrial surveys.
As per the United Nations guidelines, industry sector refers to Mining and Quarrying, Manufacturing, Generation and Distribution of Gas, Water and Electricity

Data Sources
1. Census of Industry
2. Annual Survey of Industries

1. Census of Industry
• Prime objective is to collect information related to industrial establishments.
• All establishments which conduct within the territorial boundaries of Sri Lanka are covered.
• Initial step adopted is to compile the register of industries.
• It is used as a sample frame for data collection step.

1.1 History of Industry Censuses
• Census of agriculture and industries which was conducted in 1946, was the first attempt made to collect industrial information.
• The second Census of Industry was conducted in 1952. Information was collected from industrial establishments which use industrial power for production. Industrial units invested more than a sum of Rs.3000 /= as a capital and where 5 or more than salaried employees employed were covered.
• The third of the series of Industrial Censuses was conducted in 1963 and concepts and interpretations were similar to those related to Census of Industry conducted in 1952.
• The next Census of Industry was held in 1974 by the Department of Census and Statistics with the collaboration of Ministry of Industries, Central Bank of Sri Lanka and Industrial Development Board.
• The Census of Industry 1983 was conducted according to the United Nations Programme and covered the establishments with 1 or more persons engaged.
• After 20 years, the sixth Census of Industry was held in 2003/2004

1.2 Objectives of the Census of Industry
• To provide measures of key statistics of industries and the structure of the industrial sector.
• To provide measures that would serve as “benchmark” for other surveys
• To develop a comprehensive register of industrial establishments. This would serve as an efficient frame for annual or quarterly surveys to the structure of the activities in the industrial sector.
• To ensure that the compilation of industrial statistics in Sri Lanka falls in line with the concepts and standards of international recommendations.

1.3 Scope and Coverage
Activities categorized under
• Mining and Quarrying
• Manufacturing
• Generation and Distribution of Gas, Water and Electricity

Sectors of United Nations International Standard Industrial Classification Revision 3 are considered.

1.4 Data Items
• General information of the establishment.
• Employment.
• Salaries and wages
• Raw material
• Supplement to salaries and wages
• Stocks of finished goods, semi finished goods etc
• Production during the reference period.
• Fuel and electricity consumed.
• Cost for industrial services done by others.
• Gross capital formation.

2. Establishment Surveys
The Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) started to conduct its series of Annual Survey of Manufacturing Industries (ASMI) in 1979 with the reference year as the previous year 1978. The frame of this survey was restricted to manufacturing establishments registered with the Ministry of Industries and the state owned industrial establishments. The last survey of this series was carried out in 1982. After the Census of Industry conducted in 1983, the ASMI was replaced by the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) covering Mining and Quarrying, Manufacturing, Generation and Distribution of Electricity, Gas and Water. The industrial frame generated from the Census of Industry 1983 was used to conduct the series of Annual Survey of Industries from 1984 to 2003. The frame of the new series is the register of industrial establishments which is a by product of Census of Industry 2003/2004.

2.1 Scope & Coverage
According to the United Nations Guidelines, industrial establishments which are engaged in
- Mining and Quarrying
- Manufacturing
- Generation and distribution of Electricity, Gas and Water activities and establishments with 5 or more persons engaged

2.2 Methodology
- Uses a questionnaire to catch up data
- Questionnaires are posted only for large scale establishments
- Visits to small scale establishments to collect information through direct interview
- Field follow up to non responded large scale establishments
2.3 Data Items

- Shipments
- Materials purchased
- Employment (Persons Engaged)
- Salaries and wages
- Stocks of finished goods and semi finished goods
- Receipts from industrial services done for others
- Cost for industrial services done by others to the establishment