

Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics

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**DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF
COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE
& STATISTICS**

About Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics:

- It is the premier organization of Government of India for **collection, compilation and dissemination of India's trade statistics** and commercial information.
 - **History**
 - The Organization traces its origin to a statistical branch established in the Finance Department of the **Government of India way back in 1862**.
 - **Sir William W. Hunter** was the first DG of the DGCI & S or the Director General of Statistics as he was designated, back in 1871.
 - **Functions**
 - It is entrusted with the work of **collecting, compiling and publishing/disseminating trade statistics** and various types of commercial information required by the policy makers, researchers, importers, exporters, traders as well as overseas buyers.
 - It is the first large scale data processing organization functioning as a nodal agency for Export & Import data in the country.
 - It also compiles and publishes the **inland Trade Statistics** covering **inter-state movements of goods** by rail, river and air on yearly basis.
 - It is headed by the **Director General**, an Additional Secretary level officer of Indian Statistical Services (ISS).
 - **Nodal Ministry:** It works under the Ministry of Commerce.
 - **Headquarter:** Kolkata.
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Q1: What are statistics?

It is the science of collecting, analyzing, presenting, and interpreting data. Governmental needs for census data as well as information about a variety of economic activities provided much of the early impetus for the field of statistics.

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