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The release of India's new Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES 2022–23) has generated considerable interest among scholars and policymakers. While the survey is expected to provide more accurate estimates of consumption aggregates, owing to significant improvements in questionnaire design, sampling methodology, and survey implementation. The seminar examines sources of (non)comparability with the previous consumption surveys by tracking changes in questionnaire design, sampling methodology, and survey implementation. It argues that the redesigned survey improves the measurement of Monthly Per Capita Consumption Expenditure (MPCE) across classes and groups. This, however, complicates intertemporal comparisons and the measurement of poverty, inequality, and the rural–urban divide in India.

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