

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1031

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2015/PHALGUNA 13,1936  
(SAKA)

RELEASE OF RELIGIOUS DATA OF CENSUS, 2011

1031. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chosen to release the religious data of Census, 2011 which was kept under wraps at the time other data related to socio-economic and other indicators were released;

(b) whether there has been a demand for the release of entire demographic data collected under the 2011 census to evolve an integrated and balanced approach to policy making both at the Central and State levels; and

(c) whether the Census, 2011 data along with National Sample Survey reports have become an authoritative base for consumer marketing companies to plan their campaigns?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a): The religion-wise data of Census, 2011 is under finalization.

(b): There has always been a continuous demand for the release of entire demographic data collected in Census. However, the Census data collected under different parameters are released as and when they are finalized, irrespective of their demands.

(c): Census and NSSO data, being in public domain, are open for use by different users, including, Central Government, State Governments and other agencies.

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