

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1795**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH MARCH, 2021/ PHALGUNA 19, 1942 (SAKA)

CENSUS 2021

**1795 PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA:
SHRI BINOY VISWAM:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to carry out the Census 2021, If so, what is its current status;

(b) Whether Government has finalised the procedure to update the National Population Register as part of Census 2021;

(c) whether any international organisation is providing any technical assistance for Census 2021, if so, the details of the assistance; and

(d) whether Government is planning to release the caste data of Census 2011, if so, by when and if not, the reasons for the same and whether Government is contemplating doing caste based socio-economic Census in 2021?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a) & (b): The Government decided to conduct Census 2021 under the Census Act, 1948 in two phases, viz., (a) Houselisting & Housing Census during April-September, 2020 and (b) Population Enumeration during 9th to 28th February, 2021. It was also decided to update the National Population Register (NPR) under the Citizenship Act, 1955 along with the first phase

of Census. Due to outbreak of Covid-19, the first phase of Census, updation of NPR and other related field activities have been postponed. Mobile Applications for collection of data and a Portal for management and monitoring of various Census related activities have been developed.

(c): No technical assistance has been obtained from any international agency for conducting Census operations in the field; development of Census Questionnaires, Mobile applications and Census Management and Monitoring System (CMMS) portal; etc. The role of international agencies is limited to support in development of publicity material and e-learning training modules by UNICEF, UN WOMEN and UNFPA.

(d): Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) 2011 was conducted by the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and the then Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (HUPA) in rural and urban areas respectively. The SECC 2011 data excluding the caste data have been finalized and published by MoRD and HUPA. The Office of the Registrar General, India had provided logistics and technical support in conducting the SECC-2011. The raw caste data has been provided to the Ministry of

Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) for classification and categorization of the data. As informed by MoSJE, there is no proposal to release the caste data at this stage. The Census Schedules are designed in consultation with various stakeholders. In Census, the castes and tribes which are specifically notified as Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as per the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order 1950 and the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950 (as amended from time to time) are enumerated. The Union of India after independence, decided as a matter of policy not to enumerate caste wise population other than SCs and STs.
