

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 262**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND DECEMBER, 2025/ AGRAHAYANA 11, 1947
(SAKA)**

CENSUS PROFORMA

262. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Registrar General and Census Commissioner has prepared the census performa and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that the census date announced may clash with board exams in which a lot of teachers who also become enumerators would have official board duties if so, the details thereof;

(c) the name and total number of scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other backward classes, and other castes that would be listed in the census; and

(d) whether disclosing caste for the census would be optional or not if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per Rule 6 of Census Rules, 1990, the census questionnaires/schedules are notified by the Central Government through Official Gazette under sub-section (1) of section 8 of the Act. Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner is in the process of finalizing of questionnaire.

(b): During the Census, the Primary school Teachers are usually appointed as Enumerators. The timeline for Census 2027 has been kept same like the past practices followed in previous censuses.

(c) & (d): In Census, Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) are enumerated strictly as per the notified list of SCs and STs, notified *vide the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950* and *the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950* (as amended time to time). In Census 2027, Caste enumeration will be done as decided by Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs vide its decision dated 30.04.2025. The census questions are notified after finalization. Under sub-section (2) of section 8, of the Census Act, 1948, the respondent is required to answer questions to the best of his knowledge or belief.
