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No document to be collected during the exercise of updation of NPR; Respondents to provide information true to best of their knowledge and belief

**No decision to prepare National Register of Indian Citizens (NRIC) at National level:
Shri Nityanand Rai**

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Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai, in written replies to questions regarding preparation and updation of National Population Register (NPR), in Lok Sabha today, said that population register is a register containing details of persons usually residing in a village or rural area or town or ward or demarcated area within a ward in a town or urban area.

NPR was first prepared in 2010 and updated in 2015. In pursuance of Sub - rule (4) of Rule 3 of the Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and Issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003, framed under the Citizenship Act, 1955, Central Government decided to prepare and update the population register during April to September, 2020 throughout the country, except Assam, for collection of information relating to all persons usually residing in village or town.

Replying to the question of compulsory collection of documents while updation of NPR, Shri Rai stated the demographic and other particulars of each family and individual are to be updated/collected. No document is to be collected during the exercise; Aadhaar number is collected voluntarily.

Further, no verification is done to find individuals whose citizenship is doubtful, during the exercise. The respondent has to provide information for NPR updation true to the best of his knowledge and belief. The Government is in discussion with the States having concerns in regard to the preparation of NPR, the Minister added.

On the question regarding preparation of National Register of Citizens, Shri Rai said that till now, the Government has not taken any decision to prepare National Register of Indian Citizens (NRIC) at the National level.

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