

## Need for caste-wise population census-laid

**SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER (PONNANI):** Caste Census is the need of the hour, the unavailability of reliable and authentic data regarding the exact population of each segment of the society, geographical area of their spread and density is posing a huge challenge in ensuring focused and outcome-specific planning. The latest Data and Statistics are the essential tools for policy-making and research, as it helps the policy-makers to determine the target and direct the course of policies and actions. With fresh assessment of the Caste-Wise population, the economic deprivation levels of different castes in various states could be determined and it would help to tailor reservation policy to ensure equitable representation of all of them.