

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 592**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH FEBRUARY, 2024/ MAGHA 17, 1945 (SAKA)

NATIONAL CENSUS

†592. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the time by when the last National Census was conducted;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to conduct a National Census and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether during the National Census in the country, all such poor and common people have to be mentioned in the National Census, who are living in small hopuses of 300 square feet or huts or footpaths to provide them with the benefit of all the beneficial schemes of Central and State Governments;**
- (d) whether the Government has also received requests from public representatives in this regard in May, 2023 and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the action taken by the Government or proposed to be taken in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The last Census was conducted in 2011. The intent of the Government for conducting Census 2021 was notified in Gazette of India on 28th March, 2019.

(c): In Census, data on all persons living in the country at the time of Census including houseless people is collected.

(d) & (e): Representations in this regard have been received from public representatives. Due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, the Census 2021 and the related field activities have been postponed.
