

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:175  
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CENSUS 2011  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the preparation made and parameters drawn by the Government for conducting the next decennial population census to be held in the country in 2011;
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposals/ representation from various State Governments, organisations/ NGO's on inclusion of caste basis in the said census;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has made any special arrangement for collecting census data in tribal areas of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) : The preparations for the ensuing Population Census 2011 has commenced with the formal notification of the intent of the Government of India to conduct Census of India in 2011 with the reference date as March 1, 2011. The Census operations are conducted in two phases. The first phase which is Houselisting & Housing Census precedes the population enumeration by about 8 to 9 months. The main purpose of the Houselisting Operations is to prepare the frame for undertaking population enumeration, besides providing host of data on housing stock, amenities and the assets available with each of the household. The Houselisting & Housing Census would be conducted from April to September 2010. The time schedule in each State is being notified. In the second phase - Population Enumeration, data on various socio-economic and demographic parameters like age, sex, literacy, religion, languages known, economic activity status and migration etc. is collected in respect of each individual. Population Enumeration will be conducted in Feb-March 2011.

As has been the practice during the past Censuses, a full dress rehearsal called Pre-Test of the Census was conducted during June 28-August 05, 2009 in 1181 Enumeration Blocks of the country. Based on the feedback of pre-test, the questions to be canvassed during Houselisting & Housing Census in 2010 have been finalized by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The Government has approved the final set of questions. The questions to be canvassed during the Population Enumeration will be finalized by the TAC in their next meeting.

(b) & (c) Yes. Madam. Representation/request for conducting caste base Census has been received from Government of West Bengal, AIOBC, OFT, OBC Employee's Welfare Association, Tamil Nadu, Chennai, Most Backward Class Officers and Employees Association (AMBCOE), Patna, National Social Justice Forum (Haryana Unit), Rewari, and All India Other Backward Classes Employees in Indian Ordinance & Ordnance Equipment Factories Welfare Association, Tiruchirappalli among others.

(d) & (e) In Census all areas including tribal areas in the country are covered. Special Tables on Schedule Tribes are also brought out.