

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1044

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CENSUS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first round of Census-2011 has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of major demographic changes and socio-economic indicators noticed during the Census;

(d) whether the housewives have been bracketed with beggars, prisoners and other non-productive classes in the Census whereas it is a settled case that services rendered by housewives also have economic values;and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a) to (c): Yes Madam. The first phase of Census 2011 called Houselisting and Housing Census which commenced on 01.04.2010 has been completed in all the States/UTs. 100% scanning of Houselisting and Housing Census Schedules has been substantially completed in all the States/UTs. 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 for each of the households. The second phase -Population Enumeration commenced on 09.02.2011 and it will be completed by 28.02.2011, with the revisional round from 1st to 5th March, 2011. During this phase of Census 2011, data on various socio-economic and demographic parameters like age, sex, literacy, religion, disability, languages known, economic activity status and migration etc. is being collected in respect of each individual. The provisional figures of 2nd phase of Census 2011 will be released by end of March 2011.

(d) & (e): There is no category called `housewives` in the Census. There is only the category of `Household Duties`. Any person (irrespective of sex) who renders personal services within the household which are not considered `economic activity` under the `System of National Accounts` are treated as Non-workers. Non-workers are categorized under the following categories viz., (i) Student, (ii) Household Duties, (iii) Dependent, (iv) Pensioner, (v) Rentier, (vi) Beggar, (vii) Others.

The Census does not define `economic activity`. It merely follows the System of National Accounts.