

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CASTE-BASED CENSUS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to conduct caste-based census in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the other components, besides caste likely to be included in the census; and
- (c) the time by which the said census is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam, Government of India has decided to conduct a Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC). The field work is being carried out by the respective State/UT governments with the financial and technical support of the Government of India. The Ministry of Rural Development and the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation in the Government of India are the nodal Ministries in rural and urban areas respectively for this combined exercise. The Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India is rendering complete logistic and technical support.

In Socio Economic and Caste Census 2011, the caste of all persons is being collected. Besides data on caste/tribe, the information on parameters such as occupation/activity, highest educational level completed, disability, religion, housing/dwelling, employment & income characteristics, assets, land owned etc. are also being collected in Rural Areas. In addition, specific details on main source of income/earning, chronic illness and amenities are also being collected in Urban Areas. As such, the count alongwith the Socio-economic profile of each caste would be available from Socio Economic and Caste Census 2011.

(c): The Socio Economic and Caste Census 2011 is to be completed in a phased manner from June to December, 2011 in all States/UTs of India. This exercise has commenced in the States of Tripura, Puducherry, Chandigarh, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli. The schedule for the remaining States/UTs has also been finalized in consultation with the respective State/UT Governments to be completed by December 2011.