

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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CASTE CENSUS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has commenced a caste census across the country clubbed with a socio-economic survey to identify the BPL families;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has planned the Census in phases based on availability of indigenously developed table computers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the questionnaire for the caste census and socio-economic survey is likely to have initial eight columns matching with the format used for the National Population Register during the 2011 census; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN 'ADITYA')

- (a) & (b): Yes Sir, The Socio-Economic and Caste Census (2011) has been commenced for collecting Socio-economic and caste data of households in the rural and urban areas of the country. Socio economic data collected from SECC 2011 will be utilized for identifying BPL households.
- (c) & (d): The Socio-Economic and Caste Census 2011 (SECC-2011) would be conducted from 30th June, 2011 to 31st December, 2011 in a phased manner throughout the country depending upon availability of Hand Held Devices (HHDs) or Tablet PCs supplied by Bharat Electronic Limited (BEL) and preparedness of States/UTs.
- (e) & (f): Yes Sir, except that information regarding Sex and Year of Birth is being collected afresh under SECC 2011.