

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4235
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DEPLOYMENT OF SCHOOL TEACHERS ON CENSUS DUTY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the school teachers are being engaged for census work in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether their engagement in census work has adversely affected their efficiency in teaching;
- (d) if so, whether the Union Government proposes to direct the State Governments to involve private agencies in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The school teachers are engaged as Enumerators and Supervisors by State Govt. depending upon the requirement and availability. They are highly respected and are acceptable in the community. Moreover, as they are part of the community especially in rural areas people come forward to share their personal information with teachers and Govt. employees without any fear. Census taking involves each and every home and asking sensitive questions from every individual. Such a responsible job can not be entrusted to anybody without proper verification of antecedents. Keeping in view, all these factors, provision has been made in the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Primary Education Act, 2009 to use the services of school teachers in census work.

(c): No, Madam. Population Census is conducted once a decade. The deployment of teachers will not adversely affect their efficiency in their teaching duties because they are to conduct census work before/after school hours. Every enumerator is given a well defined and compact area of about 125 households to be canvassed in a period of 20 days, which is not an unduly arduous task.

(d): No, Madam.

(e): Question does not arise.