

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2265  
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CASTE CENSUS AND POVERTY SURVEY  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government has any proposal to club the caste census with the poverty survey to be done by the State Governments; and

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (b): Yes, Madam. The Government of India has decided that a combined survey to enumerate caste along with Socio Economic profile called "Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC)" would be conducted across the country in a phased manner.

The field work for this survey is being conducted by the respective State/ UT Governments. The financial and technical support for this exercise is being provided by the Government of India. The nodal Ministries in the Government of India are the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (MoHUPA). Technical support is being provided by the Ministry of Home Affairs (Office of Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India).

The field-work has already commenced in 31 States and UTs. Plans for commencement of field-work in the remaining four States, namely, Uttar Pradesh, Manipur, Kerala and Tamil Nadu have been drawn up by the nodal Ministries in consultation with the concerned State Governments.