

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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URBAN AND RURAL POPULATION  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the decadal growth of urban and rural population, as revealed by the census data from 1971 to 2011;
- (b) the details of classification of towns by the States in 1991, 2001 and 2011 as evidenced by the respective census reports; and
- (c) the decadal growth and composition of population from 1971 to 2011 as revealed by the respective census reports, age-wise?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Population and decadal growth rate from 1971 to 2011 Censuses for rural and urban areas is given at Annexure-I.
- (b): Based on the population size, the towns have been classified in six broad classes, viz., Class-I (one lakh & above), Class-II(50,000 to 99,999), Class-III(20,000 to 49,999), Class-IV(10,000 to 19,999), Class-V(5,000 to 9,999) and Class-VI(less than 5,000). State-wise number of towns falling in different classes as per Censuses 1991 & 2001 and number of towns falling in class-I as per provisional results of Census 2011 is given at Annexure-II. The provisional results of Census 2011 do not include details of towns below 1,00,000 population.
- (c): Decadal growth of population from 1971 to 2011 Censuses are given at Annexure-III. The age-wise composition of population from 1971 to 2001 Censuses is at Annexure-IV. The provisional results of Census 2011 do not include age-wise composition of population.