

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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DEMOGRAPHIC DATA OF SCS STS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no proper and separate demographic data of socially and educationally backward classes including SCs/STs and Other Backward Classes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the extent to which the development work in respect of the above classes is likely to be carried out in the absence of such data?

Answer

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

(a) : The Socio-Economic and demographic data on total population as also on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are collected in the decadal Population Census. Data on Other Backward Classes (OBCs) is not collected in Population Census.

The proportions of persons belonging to categories SC, ST and OBC were estimated for India and States in the 61st round survey (July 2004-June 2005) conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

In order to collect data on all castes/tribes including the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes, the Government of India has decided to conduct a Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC). The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (MoHUPA) are the nodal Ministries in respect of SECC in rural and urban areas respectively. The Office of Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India in Ministry of Home Affairs is providing all technical and logistic support to the entire exercise. The SECC will provide socio-economic and demographic details of each caste/tribe.

(b) to (c): Question does not arise.