

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the current status of the socio economic and caste census, undertaken by the Ministry of Rural Development;
- (b) whether there has been a delay in the completion of the census exercise;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Rural Development Ministry would not part with the results of the census collected through this exercise with the respective State Governments;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC 2011) was launched on 29th June, 2011 in the country to generate a large number of social and economic indicators relating to households across the country. This is being conducted in a phased manner throughout the country by the respective State Governments and Union Territory administrations with the financial and technical support from the Ministry of Rural Development. About 99.30% of the Enumeration work in all the States/UTs has already been completed. So far Haryana, Nagaland, Daman & Diu and Lakshadweep have published the Draft List.

(b) & (c) Yes, Madam. The Socio Economic and Caste Census 2011 could not be completed as targeted due to various factors. The SECC 2011 is conducted in a phased manner throughout the country by the respective State Governments/UT administrations. The state of preparedness of all the States is not similar. One of the main reasons for the delay in completion of the BPL Census/Socio Economic and Caste Census is due to delay in starting of the enumeration work in some of the States due to Legislative Assembly and Local body elections, etc. Besides, the enumeration work took more time to complete than anticipated. In order to improve the robustness of the data, a Verification and Correction module has been incorporated into the process over and above the standard procedure which is an added job. This has also resulted in a time over run.

(d) & (e) Once completed, the final Socio Economic & Caste Census list is to be displayed in the Ministry website (<http://secc.gov.in>) and made available to government and non-governmental agencies for use, including the State Governments and UT Administrations.