

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4165
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CENSUS 2010
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has finalised the questionnaires for the next Census to be held in 2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to drop question seeking information relating to fertility data released under fertility tables from the questionnaires prepared for Census 2010;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith the relevant information proposed to be sought in the course of Census collection; and
- (e) the details of the different sources from which district-wise male, female, urban/ rural, SC/ST infant mortality rate and life expectancy are proposed to be derived?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) & (b): The decennial Census Operations are conducted in two phases. The first phase which is Houselisting and Housing Census is scheduled to be conducted during April – September, 2010. The main purpose of the Houselisting & Housing Census is to prepare the frame for undertaking population enumeration, besides providing host of data on housing stock, amenities and the assets available for each of the households. The Government has finalized the questionnaire to be canvassed during the Houselisting and Housing Census in 2010. The second phase i.e. Population Enumeration is scheduled to be conducted during February 9-28, 2011 with 00.00 hours of 1st March, 2011 as reference date. In this phase data on various demographic and socio-economic parameters viz., age, sex, SC/ST status, literacy, religion, mother tongues/languages known, economic activity status and migration etc. are collected.

(c) & (d): There is no proposal to collect data seeking information relating to fertility data in the first phase i.e. Houselisting & Housing Census in 2010.

The information relating to fertility data is collected under the Population Enumeration in the second phase as stated above. The information is proposed to be collected in the second phase. The questionnaire to be canvassed during population enumeration will be finalized by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) constituted for the purpose.

(e): The fertility data from Census has been used to workout the district-wise infant mortality rate by sex, residence and SC/ST infant mortality rate at state level using indirect estimates.

The Central Government has approved the conduct of Annual Health Survey (AHS) to be implemented in eight (8) Empowered Action Group States (Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand) and Assam. The survey has been envisaged at the behest of National Population Commission, PMO and Planning Commission to yield benchmarks of core vital and health indicators including infant mortality rate and life expectancy at the district level. The field work of the survey is to commence in the first quarter of 2010. The sex, residence and SC/ST wise break-up of these indicators may be generated as a bi product depending upon its reliability.