

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION  
LOK SABHA**

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PROBLEMS FACED BY SC ST RELIGIOUS SOCIAL GROUPS

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**Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has proper data of Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Scheduled Tribes (STs) and other religious/social groups and the problems faced by them from Census and National Sample Survey;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the schemes in place to address the said problems along with the achievements made during the same period;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to improve the Indian Statistical System to provide the required data of various castes, tribes, religious and other groups to formulate targeted policies; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION,  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS  
INDIAN AFFAIRS [GENERAL (Dr.) V. K. SINGH (Retd.)]

(a) Government has databases on Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Scheduled Tribes (STs) and other religious/social groups on the basis of data collected in different Population Censuses conducted by Registrar General of India and National Sample Surveys undertaken by National Sample Survey office(NSSO). These surveys throw up important data on socio-economic condition of the people in general and socio-religious groups in particular.

(b) The subjects of the surveys undertaken by NSSO during last three years are as follows :

# Employment and Unemployment and Household Consumer Expenditure

# Drinking Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Housing condition in India

# Land and Livestock holdings, Debt and Investment and Situation Assessment survey of Agricultural Households

# Social Consumption: Health and Education

# Domestic Tourism Expenditure and Household Expenditure on Services and Durable Goods Results of such surveys on their release are placed in public domain.

In addition, Government of India recently conducted Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC). The nodal ministries for conducting this census are Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban poverty alleviation for rural and urban area respectively.

(c) Schemes addressing the problems of SC/ST and other religious/social groups are executed by the respective administrative Ministries.

(d) & (e) Improvement of the statistical system is a continuous process. The system is improved by modification in survey methodology and use of IT technology in all its activities to meet the requirements of wide range of stakeholders.