

**Title:** Need to issue a white paper on the preparation for the census 2001.

\*SHRID. VENUGOPAL (TIRUPPATTUR): The Decennial Census is to be taken up soon on 2001. There has been no effort so far to collect caste-wise population data in all the earlier census. Now, reservation has been provided both at the Central and State levels to other backward classes. So, when we evolve plans to extend educational and employment opportunities, we need to have a clear idea about the exact number and particulars of various sections of the beneficiaries to allocate funds accordingly. So, it is imperative to prepare census survey formats that will help us to collect caste-wise data also. The Union Government must take justiciable and adequate care in this regard. Similarly census data must be of practical use in identifying the number of the physically and visually handicapped to ensure a direction and thrust to our social welfare measures and schemes. Apart from teachers and Government employees, youth especially the educated unemployed, college and higher secondary students, members of local bodies and voluntary agencies should also be involved in this gigantic task. Hence, I urge upon the Union Government to issue a white paper on the preparations for the Census 2001.

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