

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 704**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2023/ SRAVANA 4, 1945 (SAKA)**

**CENSUS IN THE COUNTRY**

**704 # SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has the largest population in the world;**
- (b) whether Government intends to conduct a census in the country to obtain accurate figures; and**
- (c) if so, by when Government proposes to conduct census in the country, if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

**(a): As per United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division online publication, World Population Prospectus 2022, the total projected population of China as on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2023 is 142,56,71,000. The projected population of India as on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2023, as per Report of the Technical Group on Population Projections published by National Commission on Population, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, is 139,23,29,000.**

**(b) & (c): The intent of the Government for conducting Census 2021 was notified in Gazette of India on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. Due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, the Census 2021 and the related field activities have been postponed.**

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