

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3742**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH MARCH, 2026/ CHAITRA 4, 1948 (SAKA)

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE SECOND PHASE OF CENSUS

3742 SMT. RAJATHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the detailed questionnaire for the second phase of Census including questions for caste enumeration;**
- (b) the detailed step by step procedure followed for finalisation and notification of questions; and**
- (c) whether the Ministry has circulated the draft of the questionnaire with State Governments for their feedback and comments?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The questions for the second phase (Population Enumeration), including the questions on caste, will be notified before the commencement of the second phase of the Census Operation. The Census questionnaire is finalized on the basis of inputs/suggestions received from different Ministries, Departments, Organizations, Census data users, etc. before each Census. The questions, including on caste, for the second phase will be finalized and notified as per the established procedure.
