

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2820**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH MARCH, 2018 /PHALGUNA 22, 1939 (SAKA)

CASTE BASED CENSUS

2820. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the benefits of several Government welfare schemes and policies are not reaching the needy people, particularly the OBCs due to non availability of proper census data;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any step to conduct caste based census in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)**

(a)&(b): Madam; data collected in decennial Population Census are available in public domain. The welfare policies/ schemes are implemented by nodal ministries in Government of India based on the target groups / population.

(c)&(d): The Census Schedule is designed in consultation with various stake holders. At present there is no proposal to conduct the caste based census.
