

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2189**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2018/SHRAVANA 9, 1940 (SAKA)**

**CASTE BASED CENSUS**

**2189. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:**

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

**(a) whether the Government has conducted caste based census in the year 2011 and if so, the details thereof;**

**(b) whether the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) has suggested to the Union Government and passed an unanimous resolution in 2016 seeking to make the census data public and if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) whether the details regarding the said census have not been released so far, if so, the details thereof and the reasons for non-disclosure of the same to the public so far;**

**(d) whether the Government has formed an Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog for classification and categorization of OBCs;**

**(e) whether eleven States have already compiled database of OBCs and based on that, they are extending reservations to these communities at local level; and**

**(f) whether the Government proposes to take up census for OBCs nationwide and 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): Madam; the Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC), 2011 was conducted by the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) in rural areas and the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation (HUPA) in urban areas.**

**(b): National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) in 2014 appealed to the Government for taking appropriate policy decisions pertaining to OBC data.**

**(c)to(e): The SECC data excluding the caste data have been finalized and published by MoRD and HUPA in 2016. The raw caste data have been provided to Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, who is to form the Expert Group for classification and categorization of data.**

**(f): Census questionnaire for 2021 will be finalized in consultation with various stakeholders.**

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