

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3222**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 07TH AUGUST, 2018/ SHRAVANA 16, 1940 (SAKA)
CENSUS 2021**

3222. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started or is planning on starting the census 2021 preparation in the year 2018-2019 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is planning on making some changes in the different parameters which are to be used for gathering the census 2021 for making the data more appropriate and relevant;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government is also planning on inclusion of data on the Non Resident Indians(NRIs) in the census data and if so, the procedure that will be followed for their inclusion thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): Madam, the Office of Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India in the Ministry of Home Affairs has initiated the preparatory work for conducting next Population Census 2021.

(b): Meetings with stakeholders including Central Government Ministries/ Departments, State Governments and data users in the country are underway. Based on inputs from all the stakeholders, the questionnaire for census will be decided and pilot testing done.

(c): Question does not arise.

(d): In Census, data are collected on all persons who are present in the country during the period of Census enumeration.
