TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH DECEMBER, 2022/ AGRAHAYANA 29, 1944 (SAKA)

DECADAL CENSUS

2287.   SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that delay of decadal census in the country is causing severe administrative constraints regarding distribution of various Government schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to conduct the decadal census in the country;

(c) the reason due to which there is a delay in conduct of decadal census in the country;

(d) whether a large number of the Government servers are being hacked in recent years and if so, the details thereof and the number of cases related to cyber attacks on the Government institutions reported; and

(e) the details of steps and measures taken to prevent critical infrastructure network of the country from cyber attacks?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The intent of the Government for conducting Census 2021 was

notified in Gazette of India on 28th March, 2019.   Due to outbreak of

COVID-19 pandemic, the Census 2021 and the related field activities have

been postponed until further orders. Population Projections for India and States/Union Territories for 2011-2036, based on Census 2011 data, are available in the Report of the Technical Group on Population Projections published by National Commission on Population, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

(d):   No cyber attack or data hacking incident has been observed in the Data Centre or its Disaster Recovery Sites of the Office of Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India.

(e):   Multiple Layered Security approach has been adopted for security and safety of Census data. Data is encrypted at the data collection device, during the transmission and at servers/storage. Advisories from National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC) and Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) are implemented to make the data centres secure.

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