

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 890**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH JULY, 2023/ SRAVANA 3, 1945 (SAKA)

POPULATION CENSUS

890. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has become the most populous country in the world and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to conduct census for ascertaining accurate data so that the benefits of social schemes can reach the disadvantaged people; and

(c) if so, the time by which the Government proposes to conduct the census in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division online publication, World Population Prospectus 2022, the total projected population of China as on 1st July, 2023 is 142,56,71,000. The projected population of India as on 1st July, 2023, as per Report of the Technical Group on Population Projections published by National Commission on Population, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, is 139,23,29,000.

(b) & (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.
