

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3493**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10th DECEMBER, 2019/ AGRAHAYANA 19, 1941 (SAKA)
CENSUS 2021**

3493. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started the exercise for census 2021 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has developed a mobile application for census 2021 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the list of all mandatory and optional parameters that will be collected as part of census 2021, especially the ones that will be collected on the mobile application, if any;

(d) whether the Government has sought any technical assistance from any international agency for census 2021; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): The census of the population of India shall be taken during the year 2021.

The reference date for the Census shall be 00.00 hrs. of the 1st day of March, 2021

except in the snow bound areas of Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh

and Uttarakhand for which the reference date will be 00.00 hrs. of the 1st day of

October, 2020. A pre-test of Census was undertaken from 12th August, 2019 to 30th

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September, 2019 in selected areas of all the States and Union Territories to test the Census 2021 questionnaire and methodology.

(b): During Census 2021, mix mode approach is being adopted for data collection. Enumerators can collect and submit data directly through Mobile App using his/her smart phone or they can use paper schedule to collect data and submit the same through mobile app. Alternatively, the enumerators can also use paper schedule only to collect and submit the data.

(c): During the pre-test, questions on Housing condition of house and amenities available to & assets possessed by the household and various demographic, socio-cultural & economic parameters and migration characteristics of individuals were collected either on paper or through mobile app.

(d) & (e): No technical assistance is being sought from any international agency for development of mobile app.
