

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1357**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 09TH FEBRUARY, 2021/ MAGHA 20, 1942 (SAKA)

POPULATION ENUMERATION

**1357. SHRI P.C. GADDIGOUDAR:
SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:
SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made in the preparation of the next Decennial population census 2021 along with the parameters and funds allocated for this exercise;

(b) whether the present coronavirus pandemic has led to a delay in the work of the decennial population census 2021;

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

(d) whether any revised timeline have been worked out by the Government for the completion of the project and any work is being carried out to adhere to the revised timeline, if any;

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

(f) whether the Government has received any proposals/representation from various State Governments, organizations/NGOs in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the Government has made any special arrangement for collecting census data in hilly and tribal areas in the country; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Mobile App for collection of data and a Census Portal for management and monitoring of various Census related activities have been developed. Instruction manuals for enumerators and other Census functionaries have been prepared. A pre-test of Census was undertaken from 12th August, 2019 to 30th September, 2019 in selected areas of all the States and Union Territories to test the Census questionnaire and methodology. An amount of Rs.8754.23 crore has been approved for conducting the forthcoming Census. Due to outbreak of Covid-19, the Census and other related field activities have been postponed.

(f): On request from States, the date of freezing the boundaries of administrative units has been extended up to 31.03.2021.

(g) & (h): The reference date for the Census is 00:00 hr. of the 1st day of October in the snow bound areas of Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand whereas the reference date for other parts of India is 00:00 hr. of the 1st day of March.
