

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1315**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2021/ SRAVANA 05, 1943 (SAKA)**

**DATA FOR CENSUS 2021**

**1315. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:  
SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:  
SHRIMATI MALA ROY:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has begun collecting data for the Census 2021 and if so, the details thereof including the criteria being following in this regard;**
- (b) whether the COVID-19 pandemic and the lockdowns have affected the reliability of the data so collected and if so, whether the Government proposes to restart the process;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to conduct caste based census and also to make public the findings of the same, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether the Government would be including data on external migration from a State in Census 2021, in the light of the migrant labour issues if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) the time by which the Census is likely to be completed?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (e): The Government decided to conduct Census 2021 under the Census Act, 1948 in two phases, viz., (a) House listing & Housing Census during April-September, 2020 and (b) Population Enumeration during 9<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. However, Census related field activities have been postponed till further orders due to Covid-19 pandemic.**

**In Census, data is collected on demographic and various socio-economic parameters like education, SC/ST, religion, language, marriage, fertility, disability, occupation and migration of the individuals. Data on migration characteristics along with the reasons of migration such as work/employment and business is collected.**

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