

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3521**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH AUGUST, 2021/ SRAVANA 19, 1943 (SAKA)

GENERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS 2021

3521. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to undertake caste census along with the General Decennial Census 2021, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether interested State Governments are permitted to collect caste data along with the Census 2021;

(c) whether the Government believes that the caste census will spoil the integrity of the Census process;

(d) if so, whether the Government explored measures to mitigate such problems; and

(e) whether the Government is planning to make the Sicio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) 2011 data public, 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 (d): The Census Schedule is designed in consultation with various stakeholders including State Governments. The intent of the Government for conducting Census 2021 was notified in the Gazette of India on 28th March, 2019. Due to outbreak of Covid-19, the Census activities have been

postponed. In Census, the castes and tribes which are specifically notified as Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) as per the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order 1950 and the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950, as amended from time to time, are enumerated.

(e): Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) 2011 was conducted by the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and the then Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (HUPA) in rural and urban areas respectively. The SECC 2011 data, excluding the caste data, have been finalised and published by MoRD and HUPA. The Office of the Registrar General, India had provided logistics and technical support in conducting the SECC-2011. The raw caste data have been provided to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) for classification and categorization of the data. As informed by MoSJE, there is no proposal to release the caste data at this stage.
