

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1122**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 08TH FEBRUARY, 2022/ MAGHA 19, 1943 (SAKA)
CENSUS 2021**

1122. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated the process of conduct of Census 2021;

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

(c) whether the Government intends to club the Census 2021 exercise with the proposed National Register of Citizens; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The intent of the Government for conducting Census 2021 was notified in Gazette of India on 28th March, 2019. However, due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, the conduct of Census 2021 and the related field activities have been postponed until further orders. Till now, the Government has not taken any decision to prepare National Register of Indian Citizens at the National level.
