

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 922**

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

DATA COLLECTION FOR CENSUS 2021

**922. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:
SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether data collection for Census 2021 has been started by the Government;

(b) if so, the number of States in which the data collection has been initiated;

(c) the timeline by which the Government would be releasing the data to the public;

(d) whether there is a delay in conducting the census;

(e) if so, the amount of time delay that has taken place and its impact on the release of Census 2021;

(f) whether new delimitation exercise will be taken up by the Government based on the new census; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): 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.

(f) & (g): Delimitation exercise is taken up based on the Census figures as per various provisions contained in the Constitution of India.