

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 258**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2025/ AGRAHAYANA 11, 1947  
(SAKA)**

**RESUMPTION OF CENSUS 2021**

**258. SHRI M K RAGHAVAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to resume Census 2021, which was notified in Gazette of India and postponed due to Covid 19 out breaks;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including timeframe of its expected completion;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to conduct caste census along with the upcoming decennial census; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b): The Government has decided to conduct Census in 2027. The intent of the Government for conducting Census has been notified in the Gazette dated 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2025. The Census 2027 will be conducted in two phases namely Phase I – House Listing and Housing Census from April to September, 2026 in a period of 30 days as per the convenience of the State/UT Governments followed by Phase II – Population Enumeration (PE). Population Enumeration will be done in February 2027 with reference**

**date 00:00 hours of 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2027 except for the Union territory of Ladakh and snow-bound non-synchronous areas of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the States of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, where it will be done in September, 2026 with reference date 00.00 hours of 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2026.**

**(c) & (d): In Census 2027, Caste enumeration will be done as decided by Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs vide its decision dated 30.04.2025.**

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