

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**  
**Office of the Registrar General, India**

**COUNTRY REPORT**

1. The Census Organization.

Describe the organization responsible for the census of population and housing.

- **What organization is responsible for the census?**

Office of the Registrar General, India, Ministry of Home Affairs

- **What is its relationship to the other organizations in the national statistical system?**

Bi-literal relations with other organizations in the national statistical system.

- **How many persons in the organization are directly involved in the design, data collection, data processing, data analysis, and data dissemination of the census?**

About 6,000 Official/Officers are involved in the design, data processing, analysis and dissemination of the census results. Approximately 2,500,000 State Officials/Officers were engaged as Enumerators/Supervisor and other data collection functionaries.

- **Who serve as census enumerators? What are the criteria for selecting enumerators?**

Mostly local Primary Teachers are appointed as enumerators.

- **Who serve as census supervisors? What are the criteria for selecting supervisors?**

**Officials senior to Primary Teachers are appointed as Supervisors.**

2. The Census of population and Housing.

Describe the census of population and housing (to be) conducted as part of the 2010 round.

- **When will the national census be conducted as part of the 2010 round?**

National Census is conducted in two Phases:

**Phase-I** : House listing and Housing Census:

April-September, 2010 depending upon the local conditions of the various states.

**Phase-II**: Population Enumeration:

9<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2011 with a revisional round from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2011

- **What are the broad objectives of the census?**

The total process of collecting, compiling, evaluating, analysing and publishing or otherwise disseminating demographic, economic and social data pertaining, at a specified time, to all persons in a country or in a well-delimited part of a country.

- **How are census results used in government? Please cite specific examples.**

India is a welfare state. Since independence, Five Year Plans, Annual Plans and various welfare schemes have been launched for the benefit of the common man. All these require information at the grass root level which is provided by the Census.

- **What is its geographic coverage? Are any parts of the population excluded?**

Entire country is covered.

- **What data items are (to be) included in the census?**

Data items	100 percent	Sample
<p><b>On persons (Gender disaggregated Male and Female)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name of the person</li> <li>• Relationship to head</li> <li>• Sex</li> <li>• Age – last birthday</li> <li>• Current marital status</li> <li>• Age at marriage</li> <li>• Religion</li> <li>• Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe</li> <li>• Mother tongue</li> <li>• Other languages known</li> <li>• Literacy status</li> <li>• Highest educational level attained</li> <li>• If attending educational institution – type of institution</li> <li>• Physical/Mental disability</li> </ul> <p><b>Characteristics of Workers and Non-Workers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did the person work any time last year – Main/Marginal/Non-Worker</li> <li>• Category of the economic activity of the main or marginal worker</li> <li>• Occupation</li> <li>• Nature of Industry, trade or service where the person works/worked or of self employment</li> <li>• Class of worker – Employer/Employee/Single worker/ Family worker</li> <li>• Non-economic activity of marginal and non-workers</li> <li>• Whether seeking/available for work (marginal and non-workers)</li> <li>• Travel to place of work</li> </ul>		

<p><b>Migration Particulars</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Migration – Birth place</li> <li>• Migration – Place of last residence</li> <li>• Reason for migration</li> <li>• Duration of stay since migration</li> </ul> <p><b>Fertility Particulars</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of children surviving</li> <li>• Total number of children ever born alive</li> <li>• Number of children born alive during last one year</li> </ul> <p><b>On households</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Household number</li> <li>• Total number of persons, males and females normally residing in this household</li> <li>• Name of the Head of the Household</li> <li>• Sex: Male/ Female</li> <li>• Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe or Other (For head of the household)</li> <li>• Ownership status of the house</li> <li>• Number of dwelling rooms</li> <li>• Number of married couple(s) living in this household</li> <li>• Main source of drinking water (Type)</li> <li>• Availability of Drinking water source (Location)</li> <li>• Main source of lighting</li> <li>• Availability of latrine within the premises</li> <li>• Type of latrine available</li> <li>• Waste water outlet connection</li> <li>• Availability of bathing facility within the premises</li> <li>• Availability of kitchen within the house</li> <li>• Fuel used for cooking</li> </ul>		
<p><b>On housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Number (Municipal or local authority or census number)</li> <li>• Census house number</li> <li>• Predominant material of floor, wall and roof of the census house</li> <li>• Use of the census house</li> <li>• Condition of the census house</li> </ul>		

- **Does the organization responsible for the census consult data users in the determination of the data items and questions to be included in the census? If yes, describe briefly how this is done and what broad groups of data users are consulted.**

This organization has tradition to conduct the Data User' Conference to take the views on the data items to be covered in census. The Government department,

Planners, Scholars, Businessmen, Electoral authorities etc. are invited to attend the conference and give their views. A data user conference was organized during 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 for discussion on data items to be included in 2011 Census. The data items selected in the Data User' Conference are discussed in Technical Advisory Committee set up by Government of India under the chairmanship of Census Commissioner of India. Finally it is approved by the Government of India.

- **Based on your experience, who are the actual respondents – women or men?**

Both woman and man is the actual respondent. In rural area, mostly women are the actual respondents.

- **How will the respondents be informed about the census? Describe briefly the messages, target audiences and media to be used.**

A vast publicity is made before and during the census to sensitize the public to participate in this massive task. Along with the traditional method like drum beating and wall writing, the print and electronic media is also used for publicity. The messages for participation in Census from V-VIPs like President, Prime Minister, Governors, and Chief Ministers of the states are published in news papers. Along with these, Slogans, TV ads, live TV talks, radio announcements etc are also made.

- **Describe briefly the plan for census data analysis.**

Field in schedules for both the phases is scanned through high speed scanners and hand written data from the schedules were converted into digitized form through Intelligent Character Reading (ICR) software for creation of ASCII records for further processing.

There is an exhaustive tabulation plan to release and analysis the Census Data for both the phases. The census data so collected are mainly categorized into the following broad table series.

A - Series: General Population Tables

B - Series: General Economic Tables

C - Series: Social and Cultural Tables

D - Series: Migration Tables

F – Series: Fertility Tables

H - Series: House listing Tables

HH – Series: Household Tables

SC – Series: Individual Scheduled Caste-wise Tables

ST – Series: Individual Scheduled Tribe-wise Tables

- **What information are (to be) included in the census reports? Do you (plan to) have census reports about specific areas or groups of persons?**

The information collected in census are released according to the above mentioned tabulation. Further analytical reports on slum area, Scheduled

Caste/Scheduled Tribes and other topics as may be deemed necessary are brought out in the form of occasional and special publications after the census.

- **How will the census results be disseminated?**

The census results are disseminated in both Printed and Electronic form. The results will also be disseminated on the Census Web site.

### 3. Gender Concerns.

Describe the following briefly.

- **Does the government have a gender and development action plan? If yes, describe the three most important issues being addressed in the plan.**

- NATIONAL POLICY FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN, (2001)
- The Protection of Women against Sexual Harassment At Work Place Bill, 2007
- Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005
- Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961

- **What is the government organization or body primarily responsible for gender concerns?**

Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India

- **Does the census organization have any links or coordination mechanisms with this organization or body?**

Both the organizations have close coordination with each other to share the information collected in census

- **Does the national statistical system (national statistical office) have a unit responsible for gender statistics? If yes, describe this unit and its relationship to the census organization briefly.**

National Statistical office is under Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation while the Census Organisation works under Ministry of Home Affairs. There is Bi-literal relationship between these two organizations.

- **Does the census organization conduct training on gender and development for its personnel? If yes, describe briefly.**

United Nation has appointed a consultant on Gender Issues for Census 2011. At every training/workshops related to census Gender related issues were discussed in detail.