

**Socio-Economic Caste Census**

1644. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) which will be used to identify beneficiaries of various social welfare schemes has been completed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including updated status of the SECC;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the SECC which was initiated in June last year has not made big progress in many States and the process has not yet started in many States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to complete the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH) : (a) The field work for the Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC) being conducted by the respective State/UT Governments, with the financial and technical support from the Government of India has been completed in the UTs of Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Chandigarh and Puducherry and in the State of Tripura. It is in progress in another 27 States/UTs, barring the States of Tamil Nadu, Manipur, Uttar Pradesh and Kerala. The Nodal Ministries in the Government of India are the Ministry of Rural Development and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation. Technical support is being provided by the Ministry of Home Affairs (Office of Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India).

(b) and (c) Out of a total of 18,67,802 Enumeration Blocks (EBs) in 31 States/UTs, the data collection has been completed in 9,88,678 EBs.

(d) The progress of the SECC field work is being monitored by the nodal Ministries in Government of India on regular basis. The dates of SECC field-work for the remaining four States where it is yet to begin are being finalized in consultation with the respective State Governments.

**Reconstitution of National Integration Council**

1645. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has reconstituted the National Integration Council recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the preference being given to the minority and other weaker sections of the society?