

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1011**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH FEBRUARY, 2021/ MAGHA 21, 1942 (SAKA)

MOBILE APPLICATION FOR CENSUS 2021

1011. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started the work of the Census 2021 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has developed a mobile application for the Census 2021 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the mandatory and optional criteria list which would be collected as a part of Census 2021 especially by the mobile application;

(d) whether Government has demanded any technical support for the Census 2021 from any international agency; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Mobile App for collection of data and a Census portal for management and monitoring of various Census related activities have been developed. Instruction manuals for enumerators and other Census functionaries have been prepared. A pre-test of Census was undertaken from 12th August, 2019 to 30th September, 2019 in selected areas of all the

States and Unions Territories to test the Census questionnaire and methodology.

(c): Questions to be asked for collecting information through the houselisting and housing census schedule have been notified in the Gazette of India on 9th January, 2020.

(d) & (e): No technical assistance is being sought from any international agency for development of Census questionnaire, mobile app and Census portal.
