

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1172**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8th DECEMBER, 2021/ AGRAHAYANA 17, 1943 (SAKA)
DECENNIAL CENSUS**

1172. MS. SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) by when Government is going to undertake a decennial census;**
- (b) whether Government has started its work yet;**
- (c) if so, by when the work would be finished and the data be made available;**
- (d) if not, when the work would start and by when the work would be finished;**
- (e) whether Government still uses 2011 census data while making policy decisions; and**
- (f) if so, whether Government is aware of the ramifications it may pose by rendering the policy ineffective due to changes happening between 2011 and 2020 or 2021?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The intent of the Government for conducting Census 2021 was notified in Gazette of India on 28th March, 2019. Due to outbreak of COVID 19 pandemic, the Census 2021 and related field activities have been postponed.

(e) & (f): Population Projections for India and States/Union Territories for 2011-2036, based on Census 2011 data, are available in the Report of the Technical Group on Population Projections published by National Commission on Population, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.