

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 391**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2021/ 10 AGRAHAYANA, 1943 (SAKA)  
MEASURES TAKEN FOR UPCOMING 16TH CENSUS**

**391. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH:**

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

- (a) what is the timeline for the upcoming 16th Census;**
- (b) whether the upcoming Census is being conducted in a digital format accessible for People with Disabilities (PwDs);**
- (c) if so, the details of the accessibility measures being adopted; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**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 has been notified in Gazette of India on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. Due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, the Census 2021 and related field activities have been postponed. The forthcoming Census is to be the first digital Census. The enumerators appointed by the State Governments are to collect data of all persons on Mobile App. A web portal for self-enumeration by the household has been developed in compliance with the Guidelines for Indian Government Websites.**

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