

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2284**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH, 2022/ CHAITRA 2, 1944 (SAKA)**

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CENSUS**

**2284        SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:**

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

- (a) the reasons for the delay in conducting the decadal census in 2021;**
- (b) the proposed timeline for conducting the 2021 census and release of the results; and**
- (c) whether any changes have been proposed to the contents of the questionnaire, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b): The intent of the Government for conducting Census 2021 was notified in Gazette of India on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. However, due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, the conduct of Census 2021 and the related field activities have been postponed until further orders.**

**(c): The Questionnaire for the first phase of Census i.e. Houselisting and Housing Census was notified in the Gazette of India on 9th January, 2020.**

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