



Census, Rural-Urban, National Population Register, Caste Census

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Rural-Urban

- For the first time since 1921, urban India added more numbers to its population in a decade than rural India did
- Census cites three possible causes
 - Migration
 - Natural increase
 - Inclusion of new areas as urban

National Population Register

Created through amendment to the Citizenship Act 1955. Will carry specific biometric identification details and photographs of 120 crore Indians. It will also contain the UID number. The database will help government reach out even to the poorest of society and have a better security infrastructure.

Caste Census

The Union Cabinet considered the recommendations of the GoM and decided as follows:

- 'Caste' of all persons as returned by them would be canvassed.
- The caste enumeration would be conducted as a separate exercise from the month of June 2011 and completed in a phased manner by September 2011 after the Population Enumeration phase (to be conducted in February-March 2011) of the Census 2011 is over.
- A suitable legal regime for collection of data on Castes would be formulated in consultation with the Ministry of Law & Justice.
- The Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner India would conduct the field operations of the caste enumeration. The Government of India would constitute an Expert Group to classify the caste/tribe returns after the enumeration is completed. The Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner India would hand over the details of the castes/tribes returned in the enumeration to the proposed Expert Group.
- Caste-wise enumeration had been given up as a matter of policy after independence. The last Census when caste-wise data was collected, tabulated and published in detail was the 1931 Census.

- Caste census as a separate exercise approved.

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