

# Preparations for 2011 Census in India

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# Features of Indian Census

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- Census conducted in two phases:
  - ❖ Phase I: Houselisting Operations
  - ❖ Phase II: Population Enumeration
- Canvasser method adopted to collect information from each household
- Largest administrative exercise in the country.

# Features of Indian Census

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- Census included under the Union or Central List for governance
- The Central Government conceptualizes the operation, finalizes the questions, supervises and provides resources for conducting census
- State governments provide entire manpower for satisfactory execution of the operation
- Census - a joint exercise in which central and state government are involved.

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## Houselisting Operations:

- Conducted 7 to 8 months in advance of census taking
- Helps to prepare the frame for collection of information during next phase of enumeration
- Lists each and every building, house and other structures in the Enumeration Area and collects information on their use
- Identifies residential houses for population enumeration
- Collects household level information on amenities and assets available.

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## Population Enumeration:

- Extended de-facto (population present) method used
- Last held in February 2001
- Enumeration period - three-week
- Followed by 5 days of revision round to update the population on the reference date
- Difficult areas covered in advance.

# 2011 Census – Current Status

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Houselisting Operations

April to September 2010

Population Enumeration

2<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011

(Revision round: 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2011)

Reference date: 00:00 hrs of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011

## 2011 Census – Current Status

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- Preparations have begun since 2007
- Pre-testing of selected questions undertaken
- Consultation with data users held
- Questions proposed have been finalized after considering the feedbacks
- Choice for data capture technology finalized after examining the innovations in the field since 2001 Census
- Outsourcing options in non-key areas examined.

## 2011 Census – Some New Initiatives

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- Proposed to change over from 'Persons present count' to 'Usual resident count' method
- Usual residents - continuously living for more than 6 months
- Information on visitors also proposed to be collected.



## 2011 Census – Some New Initiatives

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- Proposes to appoint Census Observers to additionally monitor census operations in selected areas
- Digitization of Ward maps in major towns for better enumeration under progress. Geo-referenced EA maps proposed to be given to Enumerators for use
- Use of bar codes on Census Schedules for better management of inventory contemplated.

## 2011 Census – Some of the New Initiatives

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- Outsourcing of non-key census activities (like, printing & delivery of Schedules, on-line MIS reporting) considered
- Preparation of 'National Population Register' along with 2011 Census contemplated – could lead to register based census in future
- Proactive data dissemination strategy proposed
- Archiving of information in electronic format proposed.



Thank you.