### CENSUS 2011 TRAINING Introduction to fertility

- In Demography, the word 'fertility' refers to the number live births women have
- It is a major component of population change
- Of late, fertility in India is declining at a steady pace
- Data used to estimate various fertility and mortality indicators at the district level

### **CENSUS 2011 TRAINING** Questions on fertility

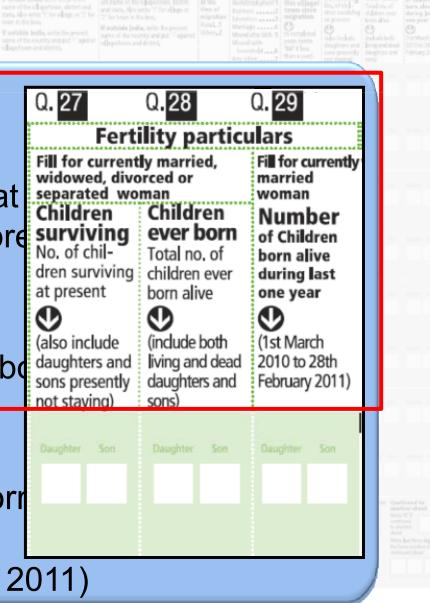
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Q. 29: Number of children borr during last one year

(1st March, 2010 to 28th Feb., 2011)



#### CENSUS 2011 TRAINI Questions on fertility Remember

Questions 27 and 28 are to be asked to all currently married, widowed, separated and divorced women of any age for whom code '2' or '3' or '4' or '5' is entered under Question 5 of the Household Schedule. These women are called <u>'ever married</u> <u>women'</u> in census.

#### **CENSUS 2011 TRAINING** Questions on fertility Remember

 Question 29 will be asked to all currently married women for which only code '2' is entered under Question 5 of the Household Schedule

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#### **CENSUS 2011 TRAINING** Q.27: Children surviving

- It is required to find out the number of daughters and sons born to the ever married woman, who are still surviving at the time of enumeration and then the same may be put in the appropriate boxes under the Question 27.
- This includes the total number of children born to her from all the marriages she had.
   A woman may have more than one marriage during her life time.

## Q.27: Children surviving Remember

 The number of children surviving should include those living with the mother in the household and those living elsewhere in the country or abroad, no matter where they reside and regardless of their age and marital status.

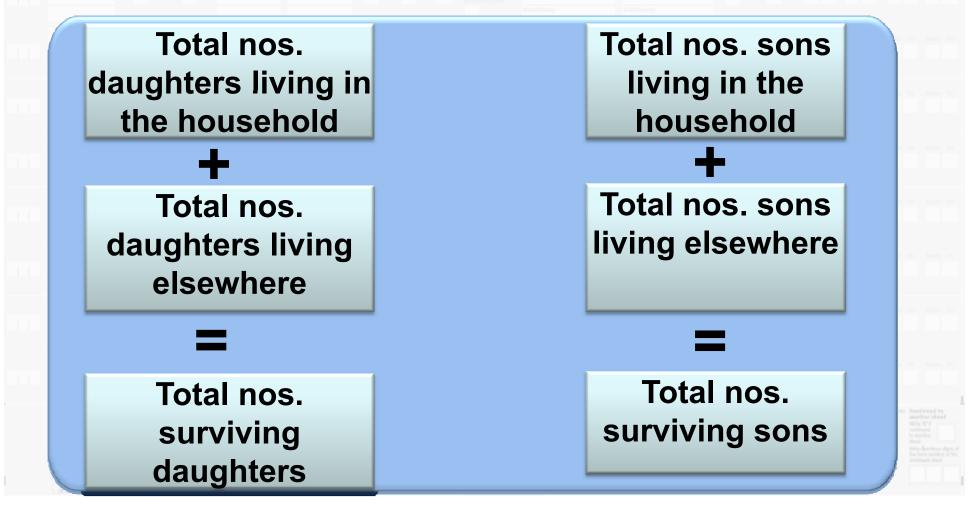
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## Q.27: Children surviving Remember contd...

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- In order to avoid missing any surviving child, whether son or daughter, it will be appropriate to break up the Question 27 in four parts in terms of the following:
- (a) Total number of daughters living in the household;
- (b) Total number of daughters living elsewhere;(c) Total number of sons living in the household;(d) Total number of sons living elsewhere.



 You should ascertain at this stage from each ever married woman in the household, who reported one or more surviving children living in the household, to identify them in the Household Schedule (Q.1).

 That will ensure the correctness of their reporting to some extent. If number of daughters and sons as reported at (a) and (c) respectively do not tally with what have been reported in Q.1, then the reasons for the same may be ascertained and if there is inconsistency due to mis-reporting, necessary corrections may be made either in Q.1 or Q. 27.

 If there are no daughters or sons reported to be surviving at the time of enumeration, write '0' in the appropriate box/es.
 Do not put dashes (-).

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#### **CENSUS 2011 TRAINING** Q.28: Children ever born

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#### **CENSUS 2011 TRAINING** Q.28: Children ever born Remember (Errors to be avoided)

- 1. Misunderstanding of the Question
- (a) **The mortality error:** It arises when the respondents report only the number of children who are still alive rather than those ever born (that is, exclude deaths).
- (b) Non-resident error: This is caused by over-looking the alive children, who are not residing with the mother.

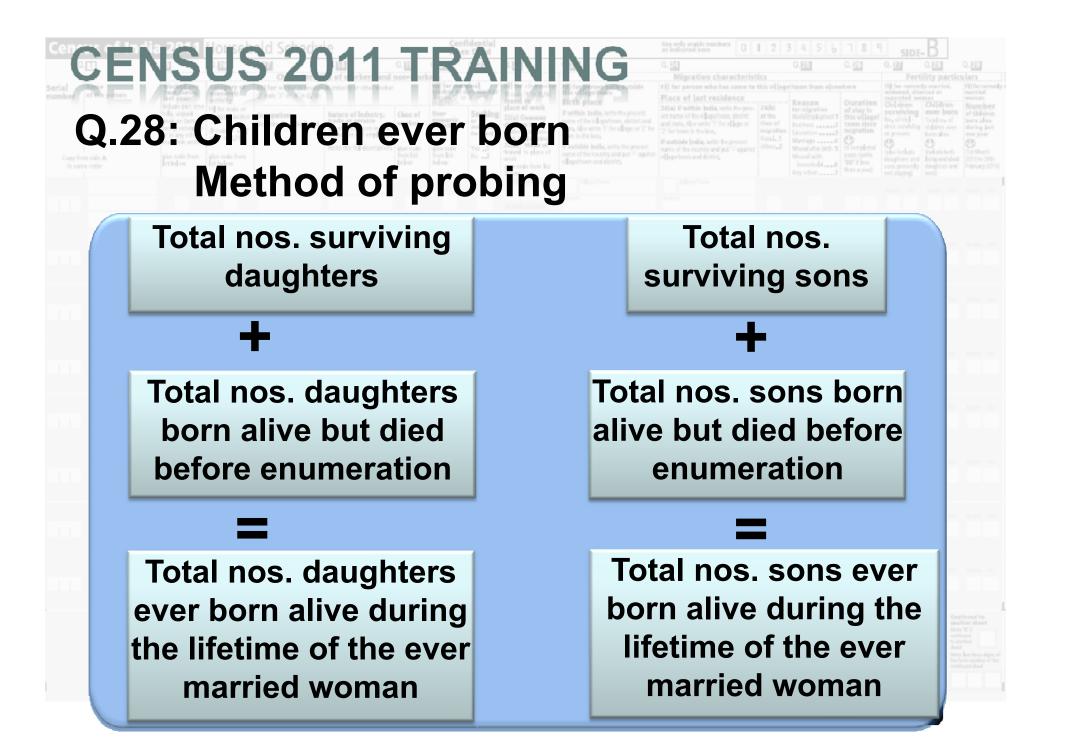
#### **CENSUS 2011 TRAINING** Q.28: Children ever born Remember (Errors to be avoided)

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(c) **The marriage error:** This occurs when the question is pertinent to all marriages and the women who have been married more than once do not include their children to previous marriages in their report.

## Q.28: Children ever born Remember (Errors to be avoided)

2. <u>Respondents' lapse of memory</u>
(a)The memory error: This is caused by tendency on the part of some mothers, especially, the elderly to forget to include some of their children who had died.



#### **CENSUS 2011 TRAINING** Q.28: Children ever born Method of probing

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## Q.28: Children ever born Method of probing (Remember)

- The number of daughters and sons ever born alive to a mother will include the children born to her out of her earlier marriage (s) also, if any.
- The children that her husband had from his earlier marriage (s) will <u>not</u> be included.
- Adopted daughter (s) and son (s) will <u>not</u> be counted for the purpose of this question.

## Q.28: Children ever born Method of probing (Remember)

- A child, who lived for a few moments after birth, that is, showed any sign of life, should be counted as live born. Still births or foetal deaths, that is, children born dead will also be excluded.
- If the woman reports that she has had no daughter or son born alive, write '0' in the appropriate box (es) under this question.

## **CENSUS 2011 TRAINING** Q.29: Children born alive during last one year

 Find out the number of daughter (s) and son (s) born to a currently married woman in the last one year prior to the date of enumeration, that is, between 1st March, 2010 and 28th February, 2011. and record the number in the appropriate boxes under the question.

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• If mother reports one or more children born to her during the specified period, then it should be asked whether the child or children are present in the house. If the reply is 'yes', then check, whether the child/children have been reported in Q.1 of the Household Schedule with age '000'. which you are canvassing and the same is accounted for in Questions 27 and 28. If no entry under Q.1, then the reason for the same like death etc. may be ascertained.

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 If she reports that no child was born during the specified period, then ask about the birth of any child/children born to her, who might have died before the date of enumeration. It has been the experience that such births are missed in large numbers.

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 Tactful probing pertaining to children born and died within one year of birth, during the specified period is called for. The word 'tactful' is used since this is a delicate question.
 Specimen question pertaining to this is in the Instruction Manual (Para 6.244-pp 97-98).

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 If you are convinced after probing that the woman had not given live birth to any child during last one year, then record '0' in both the boxes under this question. Do not put dashes (-).

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### CENSUS 2011 TRAINING Method of probing cont...

 In a case where the woman has had twins or multiple births, write the number of male and/or female children in the appropriate boxes under this question. Consistency checks may be made with responses to Qs. 27 and 28 as well as Q.1 and Q.4 as discussed earlier.



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If a son is born alive during last one year between 1 March 2010 and 9 February 2011, which was the first issue and he has died on 15 Feb, 2011, then the entries under Qs. 27, 28 and 29 (for sons) will be must be '0', 1 and 1 respectively.

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• For the 3 questions on fertility (Q. 27-29), it would be advisable to obtain the information directly from the concerned female members of the household. If the respondent is any male member of the household, then you may request him to invite the concerned woman to provide information on these questions.

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