

This census, give your details twice

'Details of individuals will be recorded irrespective of their nationalities'

BANGALORE: The population census this time is different from the previous ones, because of double enumeration.

This entails collecting details of every individual twice, as the national population register (NPR) enumeration is being carried out along with the general census. The enumerators appointed for the general census will collect details for NPR too.

The NPR enumeration provides database for issuing unique identification number to every individual of the country.

Dr C Chandramouli, Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India, in his keynote address at the conference of principal census officers, in Bangalore on Saturday, said the first phase of the census will begin with house listing on April 15, this year. Along with house listing, the enumerators will collect details of individuals for the NPR.

In the previous census, only the names and details of the head of the family was taken in the first phase (house listing). And, in the second phase individual details were recorded.



TAKING STOCK Revenue Minister Karunakara Reddy, Home Minister Dr V S Acharya and Chief Secretary S V Ranganath at the first State-level conference of Principal Census Officers in Bangalore on Saturday. DH photo

Whereas this time details of every individual irrespective of her/his nationality will be recorded. Again between February 9 and 28 in 2011 the enumerators will collect detailed information of every individual exclusively for the population census, he added.

The NPR has been launched to identify citizens of the country and also those who are not Indians. "Identification of citizens became necessary following the Kargil war and terrorist

attacks in the country. The programme is being conducted under the Citizenship Rules 2003," Chandramouli said.

After the terrorist attacks in Mumbai the Centre first took up NPR enumeration in coastal areas. Since 2009, the programme is being continued in 193 villages of coastal Karnataka. The NPR will be conducted in the rest of the country during the phase 1 of the general census.

Chandramouli said the cen-

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- This is 15th census in India
- Involves 25 lakh enumerators
- First phase begins on April 15
- Second phase - Feb 9 to 28, 2011
- Teachers will be enumerators

sus programme involved 25 lakh enumerators. Each enumerator will have to collect data from about 120 houses (or 600 people) trained by the Centre.

Home Minister V S Acharya said the population census will serve as a credible data to chalk out State's various welfare schemes and provide a glimpse of the country's socio-economic growth over a decade. Minister for Revenue G Karunakara Reddy asked the officers to ensure that every individual got an opportunity to correct mistakes, if any, in the details collected under the NPR.

Regional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and Zilla Panchayat CEOs attended the conference.

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