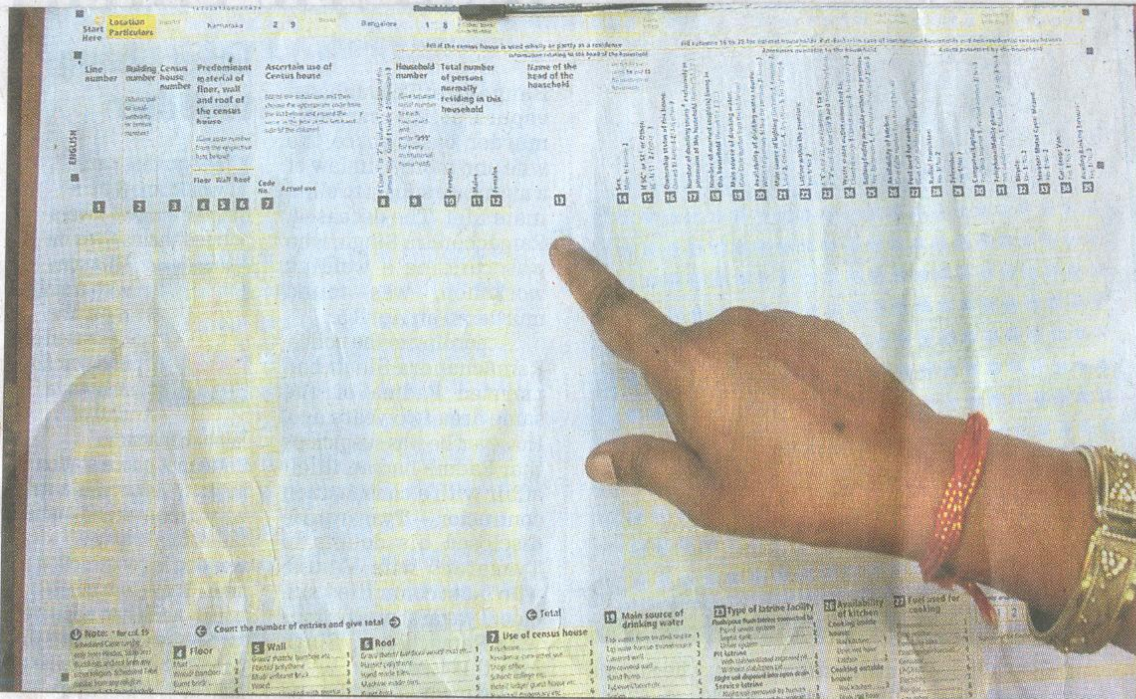


# Census 2011: the headcount begins



## READY ANSWERS

Here's a quicklist of what you will need to be prepared with, when enumerators knock at your door any day between April 15 and June 1. But

before you do, please ensure you check their ID as well.

(Note: Of the 30 items listed below, 1-5 relate to building particulars, 6-7 to households, 8-10 to head of household and 9-30 relate only to normal households)

- Building number
- Census house number
- Predominant material of floor, wall and roof of census house
- Ascertain use of census house
- Condition of census house
- Household number
- Total number of persons normally residing in household: males, females
- Name of the head of household
- Sex
- If SC/ST or others
- Ownership status of house
- Number of dwelling rooms exclusively in possession of the household
- Main drinking water source
- Availability of drinking water source
- Main source of lighting
- Latrine within the premises
- Type of latrine facility
- Waste water outlet
- Bathing facility
- Kitchen
- Fuel used for cooking
- Radio/transistor
- Television
- Computer/Laptop
- Telephone/Mobile phone
- Bicycle
- Scooter/motor cycle/moped
- Car/jeep/van
- Availing banking services

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**Bangalore:** New to the job and new to the area. This was the enumerators' experience on day 1 as one of the biggest exercises of the decade — Census 2011 — got under way on Thursday.

The mammoth exercise was flagged off with 16,000 members panning out to the 198 wards of the city.

A majority of them — teachers and women — spent the day getting used to their area and the people.

Since the enumerators just had a three-day crash course on the census work, day one proved to be a Herculean task for them.

TOI journalist accompanied a few of census officials. From ground zero:

Even by 2 pm, enumerators were still trying to get used to the procedures and the location. Stella (name changed), a schoolteacher posted as an enumerator to one of the enumeration blocks at Shantalanagar ward, was flabbergasted when she was handed over the GIS map of her 'small' block. "It's just empty blocks. Where do I start," was her natural reaction. It took her sometime to understand that she had to fill up the empty blocks with the numbers she marks on the map.



**SHOWING THE WAY:** Chief minister B S Yeddyurappa and governor H R Bhardwaj take the lead in filling up the census 2011 forms on Thursday



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## THE WORK ORDER

● A total 16,000 officials for the 198 wards of Bangalore. The entire city divided into 146 charges, each charge further