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Union Cabinet clears NPR update, census

Decennial head count will be conducted in two phases

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A meeting of the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Tuesday approved over ₹3,941.35 crore for updating the National Population Register (NPR) across the country, barring Assam, and ₹8,754.23 crore for conducting the Census of India, 2021.

Asked whether the NPR would be the first step of the NRC, Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said, "The UPA government started the NPR in 2010, and it is an exercise that has to happen every 10 years. There is no need to give proof, documents, biometrics. The government trusts the people."

The Citizenship Rules, 2003, however, state that the Centre, by issuing an order, can decide a date to prepare the NPR.

They also provide for the creation of a National Register of Indian Citizens (NRIC), or the National Register of Citizens (NRC), which is being bitterly opposed by people across the country, that will flow from the data gathered in the NPR. According to the Rules, a person's citizenship status will be decided by local officials - whether

The numbers game

The Cabinet approved over ₹3,941.35 crore for updating the NPR and ₹8,754.23 crore for conducting the Census of India



▪ The data for NPR was collected in 2010, along with the house-listing phase of the Census of India, 2011

▪ This data was updated in 2015 through a door-to-door survey, and its digitisation has also been carried out

▪ It was decided to update

the NPR, along with the house-listing phase of Census 2021, during April to September 2020 in all States and UTs, except Assam

▪ Details under 14 categories would be collected through door-to-door enumeration, along with the Census

▪ The objective of the NPR is to create a comprehensive identity database of every usual resident (who has been living at a particular place for the past six months). The database would contain demographic as well as biometric particulars

or not the person will figure in the NRIC. No new law or rules are needed to conduct this exercise across the country.

A senior Home Ministry official said that in the past, NPR household data was provided to several State governments - Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Odisha, Manipur and Rajasthan - for the Public Distribution System (PDS).

"At present, there is no proposal to create an NRC in the country based on the NPR data. No biometric is being collected. No docu-

ments are being collected at the time of door-to-door enumeration," the official said.

The register was being updated for efficient delivery of social benefits by linking it with various government schemes, the official added.

The decennial census will be conducted in two phases - house listing and housing census from April to September, 2020, and population enumeration from February 9 to 28, 2021.

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The NPR will be updated along with House listing and Housing Census except in Assam, a government release said. Asked about West Bengal and Kerala halting work on NPR, Mr. Javadekar said: "They have issued notifications and started training officials."

Asked about then-MoS Home Kiren Rijju saying in Parliament in 2014 that NPR would be the basis of NRC, he said: "I deny this."

The next round of recording biometric and family tree details of citizens under the NPR will be conducted in September 2020, a July 31 government notification stated.

The announcement comes after more than 20 people were killed in Uttar Pradesh, Assam and Karnataka in violence related to protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), 2019 and the NRC.