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# Govt approves update of national popn register, says no link to NRC

## Will Ask Details Of Parents' Birth Places, Dates

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New Delhi: The Union Cabinet on Tuesday cleared a scheme for updating the National Population Register (NPR) at a cost of Rs 3,900 crore. The exercise will involve gathering information for the first time regarding date

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and place of birth of a usual resident's mother and father, as well as his/her identity details like Aadhaar number, passport number, driving licence number and voter ID.

A usual resident is described as someone who has been living in a place for six months or intends to spend the next

### NO SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS NEEDED

► NPR, a pan-India exercise excluding Assam, will seek info regarding date & place of birth of a usual resident's mother and father as well as his/her identity details like Aadhaar, passport, driving licence & voter ID

► A 'usual resident' is defined as a person who has resided in an area for the past 6 months or more or who intends to reside in that area for next 6 months

► Data will be recorded as



declared by respondent & no proof or supporting documents will be sought

► Sharing Aadhaar, passport, driving licence & voter ID details will be voluntary. PAN details won't be sought

► No biometrics will be collected during NPR, though the same can be sourced from UIDAI if needed on the basis of Aadhaar

► NPR was last prepared in 2010 along with Census 2011, followed by updation in 2015

six months at the same place.

Sharing one's Aadhaar/passport, driving licence and voter ID details will be voluntary. The information for both census and NPR will be collected by the same enumerator, either through an app or by manually filling up a form.

All fields are to be recor-

ded as declared by the respondent — or self-certification, as stated by I&B minister Prakash Javadekar — and no proof or supporting documents shall be sought. No biometrics will be collected, though they may be sourced from UIDAI.

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# PAN wouldn't be required in NPR: Shah

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While the original plan was to offer PAN to all citizens, it has been dropped from the list of identification fields for NPR following reluctance by respondents in sharing details during the pre-test conducted from August 12 to September 30.

The announcement came amid protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and fears over the government's intent to draw up a National Register of Citizens (NRC). While Prime Minister Narendra Modi had asserted on Sunday that no plan had been made yet to prepare NRC, the decision to update NPR was attacked by opposition parties as the first move to draw a national registry of citizens.

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The census will, also for the first time, have fields like access to internet, number of household members availing banking services, mobile number, smartphones, DTH/cable TV connection, ownership of a house other



The Centre justified the need for NPR to implement welfare schemes decision is taken to publish the National Register of Indian Citizens (NRIC) provided for under Citizenship Rules of 2003, this piece of information will become crucial and shall be open to verification and can be objected to if inaccurate. As of now, however, no rules for NRIC have been prepared. NPR was last prepared in 2002 along with Census 2011, followed by an update in 2013.

Sources in the home ministry said there was no proposal at present to follow up NPR — to be done with the "houselisting" phase of Census 2021 due between April and September 2020 — with an all-India NRC. "There is

than rented accommodation, bottled water availability and type of latrine.

The details of mother and father's date and place of birth — to be accepted at face value and for which no documentary proof need be furnished — are seen as crucial, especially for those born after 1997, as these might aid in date help establish the respondent's Indian citizenship on the basis of either of the parents being an Indian citizen at the time of his/her birth. However, Javadekar said providing the information was also voluntary. "If someone does not remember, it is not required," he said.

However, as and when a

no link between NPR and NRC, I am clearly stating today," home minister Amit Shah clarified on Tuesday in an interview on NDTV.

In a video by NDTV, he said that the government will not roll out the NPR across the country until all states UTs, including West Bengal and Kerala that recently claimed that they have put the process "on hold", having notified their exercise and training of enumerators currently in progress. Unlike census, where information collected must be kept confidential and can only be put out as collated data, state-wise and district-wise NPR details can be shared with central and state government agencies.

"It is a crucial input in designing social welfare and entitlement schemes and improving the delivery mechanism. The socio-economic caste census is based on NPR data. Besides, by linking NPR with registration of birth and death, real-time population register will be available, leading to register-based census in the future," a home ministry official said.

The Cabinet also approved around Rs 8,700 crore for Census 2021.