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Census of India – 2027

Panaji, Goa

Census - 2027, the **first Digital Census of India** and also **one of the largest and most significant administrative and statistical exercises**, is about to begin in the country. It will lay the foundation for informed governance, effective planning, policy formulation and inclusive development.

2027 Census will be 16th in the series and 8th since Independence.

The Census will be conducted in two distinct phases:

- Phase I: Houselisting & Housing Census (In Goa from **16th April-15th May, 2026**) with provision for **Self-Enumeration by public from 1st to 15th April, 2026**, using url: se.census.gov.in

- Phase II: Population Enumeration (**9th Feb 2027-28th Feb, 2027** entire country, except the snow bound areas where phase II will be conducted in **Sept. 2026**).

- **Census Data will be released with the reference date of 00:00 hours of 1st March 2027**
- **Census will be conducted under Census Act 1948 and duties and responsibilities are defined as per Census Rules 1990**
- **Census Records are Confidential under Section 15 of the Census Act 1948**
- **Gazette notification directing the public to cooperate in furnishing accurate and unambiguous information in respect of the questions that may be put to them through census along with an extract of penalties prescribed under section 11 of the Act republished in Goa Gazette on 13th March 2026.**

- The following are obligations of the Public under the Census Act even if she/he is filling her/his data through SE portal:
 - a) To allow entry to the Census staff in her/his house
 - b) To allow painting of number on her/his house
 - c) To give correct information to the best of her/his knowledge & belief
 - **Obligation of the Census Officers & Penalty Provisions (u/s 11) (Penalty include Rs. 1000/-and in case of a conviction under**

part 1(a), (b) or (c) shall also be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to three years.

Sl. No.	Census Designation	Officers Appointed at State	No. of Officers appointed
1	Principal Census Officer (At District Level)	Collectors of the districts	3
2	Census Charge Officer (At Town/Sub-District level)	Deputy Collectors-cum-SDM/ Mamlatdars	26
3	Enumerators and Supervisors	Primarily Teachers, other field officials etc. of State Govt. & local bodies	2886 (Enumerator: 2467 Supervisors: 419) including reserve

Data collection (100% Digital Mode)

- i. Mobile App
- ii. Self Enumeration
- iii. Enumerators and supervisors to use their own device (They will be incentivized total Rs. 25000/- ,i.e., HLO Phase I Rs. 9000/- and PE Phase II Rs. 16000/-)
- iv. The whole process will be managed and monitored through CMMS web portal at various administrative levels.

Phase I: Houselisting Operations (HLO)

- **The Goa State Govt. has officially notified Census-2027 Phase I to be conducted over a 30-day period from 16th April to 15th May, 2026.**

During this phase, a scientifically designed 33-point questionnaire, notified by the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India, will capture vital information including:

- Housing condition and structural details of house
- Information of the head of household
- Household composition and Ownership status of house
- Availability of basic amenities such as drinking water, sanitation and electricity
- Cooking facilities and fuel usage patterns
- Possession of assets including vehicles and access to internet
- Vehicle ownership and communication access

This data will highlight the living conditions and socio-economic fabric of households with unprecedented clarity.

Questions to be covered in HLO Phase-I

<u>Category</u>	<u>Questions on</u>
<u>Identification Particulars</u>	<u>Line number, Building number, Census house number, Household number</u>
<u>Housing condition</u>	<u>Material of Floor, Wall and Roof</u> <u>Use & condition of house, Ownership,</u> <u>Number of rooms, Number of married couples</u>
<u>Amenities available</u>	<u>Drinking water, Lighting, Latrine facility, Drainage connectivity, Bathing, Kitchen & LPG/PNG Connections,</u> <u>Main fuel used for cooking</u>
<u>Assets possessed</u>	<u>Radio/Transistor, Television, Computer/Laptop</u> <u>Telephone/Mobile phone/ Smart phone</u> <u>Bicycle and Scooter/Motor Cycle/Moped,</u> <u>Car/Jeep/Van, Access to Internet</u>

<u>Other</u>	<u>Main cereal consumed in the household,</u> <u>Mobile number (for census communication only)</u>
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Facility for public for Self-Enumeration (SE)

The Self-Enumeration facility offers a seamless and convenient way for general public to participate in this national exercise through digital platform at their own convenience.

- Period: 1st April to midnight of 15th April, 2026
- Platform: **se.census.gov.in**

With user-friendly features such as guided tooltips, FAQs, and real-time validation checks, the portal ensures both ease of use and accuracy.

- Extensive training programmes, such as 2 National Trainers, 6 Master Trainers, 50 Field Trainers trainings are completed till now for Goa and trainings of Enumerators and supervisors have begun from 30th March and will be completed by 11th April, 2026.

A Call to Participate

“Your participation today shapes India’s tomorrow.”

Every response counts. Every household matters.

Residents are earnestly encouraged to provide accurate information and extend wholehearted cooperation to Census officials. Together, let us contribute to building a stronger, smarter, and more inclusive Goa.