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Title: Regarding Caste Census.-Laid

**SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV (JAUNPUR):** Since independence, The Registrar General and Census Commissioner has been collecting data related to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes. The Kaka Kalelkar Commission, or the first Backward Classes Commission, and the Mandal Commission or the Second Backward Classes Commission depended on 1931 Census data for estimating the social, educational, and economic backwardness of the Other Backward Classes (OBCs). The social, educational, and economic data of various castes are crucial for evidence-based public policies. Hence, we need contemporary and reliable data on various castes to make decisions related to reservations and other social welfare policies. In this background, it becomes very important to conduct the Caste Census. I request that above mentioned important issue should be considered at the earliest.