## Need to start the process of enumeration of Census in the country

**DR. THOL THIRUMAAVALAVAN (CHIDAMBARAM):** Hon Chairperson, Vanakkam. I wish to bring to your notice regarding enumeration of Census. We normally conduct Census once in 10 years which is a regular feature. Due to the Covid pandemic, the Census of 2021 could not be enumerated and it has been delayed. But the Union Government is silent and not taking any initiative regarding conduct of Census in the country. This is so shocking for us. The Government is very well aware of the fact that the developmental programmes and the welfare programmes, aimed for upliftment of the weaker sections, could not be implemented in the absence of Census data. Not only that, in order to go for delimitation of parliamentary constituencies, it is important to have up-to-date Census data. This Census is also important for implementing the 33 percent reservation for Women in Legislative Bodies. I therefore urge the Government to start the process for enumeration of Census immediately without any further delay. I also make a request to include caste?based census along with the enumeration of regular Census by the Government. Thank you.

माननीय सभापति : मैं माननीय सदस्यगणों से आग्रह कर रही हूं कि अपने विषय को मात्र तीस सेंकड में रखने का प्रयास करें।