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Subject: Procedure for coding and classification of unclassifiable/ new Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe returns obtained at the Census of India, 2011.

You may be aware that the Primary Census Abstract (PCA) is the first set of data, which is finalized and released based on the Household Schedule canvassed in the Population Enumeration phase of Census. Since this would be the set which would provide the final set of figures on population and a lot of related parameters at the lowest levels, its use is by far the widest among all the census publications. It is also exhaustively used by the Planning Commission during formulation of the different 5-year plans. As the data related to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is an integral part of the PCA, finalization of the same for publication of the PCA is of utmost importance. The Data Processing Division (DPD) headquarter has already sent the software for the Computer Assisted Coding (CAC) along with the detailed procedure and user manual, based on which the CAC has already started in the different Data Centres.

2. According to well established procedure, during the population enumeration phase of Census 2011, the Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) population were enumerated strictly as per the centrally notified lists of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for the respective States/ UTs. The Census enumerators were advised to check/ verify the names of the SCs and STs reported by the respondents against the list pertaining to the State/UT, provided to them before recording an entry in Question 8 of the Household Schedule. However, in spite of all the precautions taken, it is possible that certain SC/ST names, generic/ local names, etc. applied to the SCs/ STs have been returned in the Household Schedules in a few cases in some of the States and UTs.

3. A code directory specific to a particular State/ UT has been prepared at the hqrs. to facilitate the CAC. In the directory, a six-digit code has been assigned to each of the SC/ST names. This six-digit code has two parts, the first 3-digits represent the main caste/tribe and the next 3 digits represent their synonym or sub-group. In other words, if any SC/ST has sub-caste (s)/ synonym (s), etc., such sub entries have been represented by the last 3 digits.

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