

Arunachal Pradesh

DATA HIGHLIGHTS: THE SCHEDULED CASTES Census of India 2001

The total population of Arunachal Pradesh in 2001 Census has been 1,097,968. Of these 6,188 persons are Scheduled Castes (SCs), constituting 0.6 per cent of the total population of the state. The list of SCs of Assam is applicable to Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Mizoram. As such, sixteen communities notified as SCs in the state, have been enumerated at the 2001 Census.

2. In 1971 Census, total SC population was 339. The number has steadily increased in subsequent Censuses. In 1981 Census, the total SC population was 2,919. This became 4,052 in 1991 Census. In 2001 Census, the SC population in Arunachal Pradesh increase further to 6,188 persons. The state has registered 52.7 per cent decadal growth of its SC population in 1991-2001 Census.

Population: Size & Distribution

3. Individual SC wise, Namasudra (21.6 per cent), Kaibartta (21.4 per cent), and Dhupi (11.1 per cent) are the major SCs in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. They together constitute about 55 per cent of the total SC population of the state. Six SCs namely Mahara, Patni, Jhalo, Hira, Dugla, and Lalbegi are small in numbers and have less than hundred population each.

**Statement-1: Scheduled Castes wise Population, 2001
Census**

SL. No	Name of the Scheduled Caste	Total population	Proportion to the total SC population
	All Scheduled		
1	Castes	6,188	100%
2	Namasudra	1,334	21.6
3	Kaibartta	1,327	21.4
4	Dhupi	688	11.1
5	Brittial-Bania	496	8.0
6	Mehtar	409	6.6
7	Jalkeot	331	5.3
8	Muchi	275	4.4
9	Sutradhar	247	4.0
10	Bansphor	193	3.1
11	Bhuinmali	137	2.2

4. As per 2001 Census, more than half of the SC population has been reported to be living in urban areas. Of the three main SCs, Dhupi has recorded the highest 61 per cent urban population, followed by Namasudra (57.4 per cent) and Kaibartta (29.2 per cent).

Sex Ratio

5. The sex ratio of total SC population in the state is 724, which is quite low. Of the three main SCs, the Dhupi has recorded the lowest sex ratio of 658.

6. The state has recorded child sex ratio (0-6 age group) of 938, which is exactly at par to the national average for SCs (938). Namasudra have recorded more female children in their population of 0-6 with child sex ratio of 1049. The child sex ratio is, however, low among Kaibartta (813) and Dhupi (820).

Literacy & Educational Level

7. In 2001 Census, 67.6 per cent of the SC population of the state has been recorded as literate, with male and female literacy being 76.3 per cent and 55 per cent respectively. Kaibartta has recorded the highest literacy rate of 77.5 per cent. Dhupi and Namasudra are at par each having above 69 per cent literacy rate.

Work Participation Rate (WPR)

8. The percentage of workers to total population (WPR) among the SCs is low at 38.4 per cent. More than half (56.6 per cent) of the male population have been returned as workers, while the female WPR is low at 13.2 per cent. Out of the total workers, an overwhelming 90.2 per cent are main workers, with 93.3 per cent males and 71.6 per cent females as main workers.

Statement-2: Distribution of Total, Main & Marginal Workers among SCs

T/M/F	Percentage of Workers		
	Total Workers	Main Workers	Marginal Workers
Total	2,375 (38.4 %)	2,142 (90.2%)	233 (9.8%)
Male	2,033 (56.6%)	1,897 (93.3%)	136 (6.7%)
Female	342 (13.2%)	245 (71.6%)	97 (28.4%)

Category of Workers

9. The SCs in Arunachal Pradesh are not primarily dependent on agricultural pursuits. Merely 13.4 per cent of the total SC main workers have been recorded as cultivators, 1.2 per cent agricultural labourers, and 2 per cent in household industry. Thus, a high of 83.4 per cent of the total main workers among SCs have been recorded under industrial category of "other works". Dhupi has recorded the lowest 2.4 per cent of

their main workers in agriculture (i.e. cultivators and agricultural labourers), followed by Namasudra (15.9 per cent). However, it is a high of 41.8 per cent among Kaibartta.

Marital Status

10.As regards marital status, 52.8 per cent of the SCs are never married, 45.2 per cent married, 1.7 per cent widowed, and the remaining 0.2 per cent divorced/separated. Kaibartta has recorded a high of 3.3 per cent widowed in their population.

Religion

11.The overwhelming majority of the SCs in Arunachal Pradesh are Hindus. In 2001 Census, 98.6 per cent of the SC population has been recorded as Hindus. Of the total 6,188 SC population, only 76 are Budhists and 11 are Sikhs.
