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CENSUS BEGINS WITH COUNTING MR

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SURVEY

The countrywide census began yesterday at the Temple Trees where information on President Mahinda Rajapaksa and his family was collected by Census and Statistics Department enumerators.

The President's house had been visited by Census and Statistics Department Director General Suranjana Vidyaratne and other senior department officials for the purpose. President Rajapaksa had been specially informed as to how the census would be carried out and what information should be provided.

During the visit the department officials had also handed over a report on the enumeration of vital events in the Northern Province in the year 2011 where information that had not been accessed before and had been collected by the department.

The census will be carried out at each household to gather information on each person. It would take place from February 27 to March 19 and again a revision round would be carried out on March 20 and 21.

The census will cover data on each individual including basic information, birth and deaths, migration, physical and mental difficulties, educational qualifications, tenure, computer literacy, information on housing such as sources of drinking water, cooking fuel, lighting, toilet facilities, solid waste dis-

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posal and other information.

The department said it had begun a new e-method storing system for the purpose of convenience and it

would utilise this system at the next census to collect data on each person instead of appointing enumerators to visit each household.

The census funded by the Finance Ministry would cost Rs.1.7 billion.



Apr 05, 2011: The 14th comprehensive census enumeration of population and housing launched after achieving peace in 2009 will be covering the whole island for the first time in 30 years.

Sri Lanka has been conducting census every ten years. The last complete census was conducted in 1981 and the census scheduled for 1991 was not conducted due to the terrorist unrest in Northern and Eastern provinces.

The 2001 census was carried out in 18 out of the 25 district.

2001 July 17 Census	Population Enumerated	18,797,257
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