

New features added to Census 2012

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The National Census conducted this year which is to gather information individually by visiting houses by enumerators will be held island-wide from February 27 to March 19, a senior official of the Census Department said.

Deputy Director General of the Department of Census and Statistics, H. R. Gunasekara said this year's National Census is the first census held island-wide after the lapse of three decades as the Department was not able to conduct the census in the North-East for the last three decades due to terrorist activities.

"We have added new features in our data collection to be on par with the changes and developments of the living standards of the people and society. The householders are required to provide information on modern technology facilities available at their houses like Inter-

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net, Face Book, Skype Access, Twitter, Block Spots, Satellite connections, Fax e-mail etc.," Mr. Gunasekara added.

He said the Department has started training 80,000 enumerators and 16,000 supervisors to be deployed in the 25 districts in the three weeks period to gather data visiting nearly five million houses, public and private sector establishments from February 27 to March 19.

There will be a revision round to correct and collect further data if necessary on the March 20 and 21 to make sure 100% households and establishments and all persons living in the country are covered, he said.

The training of enumerators was started on January 19 and will conclude on February 17. Training of supervisors was started on January 12 and concluded on February 12.

Apr 05, 2011: The 14th comprehensive census enumeration of population and housing launched today 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.



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