



Census of India 2027 (Notification)

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- **The News:** The government has officially notified the first phase (Houselisting) starting in **April 2026**, with the final population count in **February 2027**.
- **Background Data:**
- **Digital Census:** For the first time, data will be collected via a mobile app with a **self-enumeration** option.
- **Caste Enumeration:** The 2027 Census will include a count of **Other Backward Classes (OBCs)** and other castes, a first since the 1931 colonial census.
- **Significance:** It will form the basis for the next **Delimitation exercise** (redrawing Lok Sabha constituencies), which has been frozen since 1976.
- Constitutional provisions (Art 82, 246), the role of the Registrar General, and the socio-political implications of caste data.