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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT  
(G.O. Ms. No. 16/2026, Puducherry, dated 25th April 2026)

#### NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (ii) of Rule 8 of the Census Rules, 1990, and in accordance with the directives issued by the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India *vide* Census Circular No. 15, dated 12-03-2026, the Government of Puducherry, hereby publishes the following Notification for the information of the general public.

2. The Population Census is a task of national importance and its success depends upon the cooperation of the public. Census data is the primary source of information down to the village and ward level regarding housing conditions, amenities and assets. It is extensively used for national planning, policy formulation, and the delimitation, and reservation of constituencies for Parliamentary, Assembly, and Local Bodies.

3. The first phase of Census 2027 *viz.*, the House listing and Housing Census (HLO), shall be conducted in the Union territory of Puducherry as per the Schedule declared in G.O. Ms. No. 08/2026, dated 06-02-2026 of DRDM, Puducherry.

- o **Self-Enumeration Period** : Residents have the option to submit their information digitally between 17-05-2026 and 31-05-2026.
- o **House-to-House Enumeration** : Census Officers will visit all households for physical data collection from 01-06-2026 to 30-06-2026.

4. As per G.O. Ms. No. 09/2026, dated 06-02-2026 of DRDM, Puducherry, Census Officers are authorized to ask the following 33 questions :

1. Building number (Municipal / Local Authority)
2. Census house number
3. Predominant material of floor
4. Predominant material of wall
5. Predominant material of roof
6. Ascertain use of census house
7. Condition of the census house
8. Household number
9. Total persons normally residing
10. Name of the head of the household
11. Sex of the head of the household
12. SC / ST / Other status of the head
13. Ownership status of the house
14. Number of dwelling rooms
15. Number of married couple(s)
16. Main source of drinking water
17. Availability of drinking water source
18. Main source of lighting
19. Access to latrine
20. Type of latrine
21. Waste water outlet
22. Availability of bathing facility
23. Availability of kitchen and LPG / PNG connection
24. Main fuel used for cooking
25. Radio / Transistor
26. Television
27. Access to internet
28. Laptop / Computer
29. Telephone / Mobile Phone / Smartphone

30. Bicycle / Scooter / Motorcycle / Moped
  31. Car / Jeep / Van
  32. Main cereal consumed in the household
  33. Mobile Number (for census communication only)
5. Under the provisions of the Census Act, 1948, the public have significant legal responsibilities :
- o **Obligation to Answer (Section 8)** : Every person is legally bound to answer questions asked by a Census Officer to the best of their knowledge or belief. However, no person is bound to state the name of any female member of the household and no woman is bound to state the name of her husband or persons forbidden by custom.
  - o **Access to Property (Section 9)** : Occupiers must allow Census Officers reasonable access to premises and permit them to paint or affix letters, marks, or numbers necessary for the census.
  - o **Filling of Schedules (Section 10)** : Occupiers or managers, when required, must fill up the provided Census Schedules accurately and deliver them to the Census Officer.
  - o **Confidentiality (Section 15)** : All records of the census are strictly confidential and are not open to inspection. No entry in census records is admissible as evidence in any civil or criminal proceeding, except for prosecutions under the Census Act itself.
6. The public is cautioned that under section 11 of the Act, certain acts of non-compliance are punishable by a fine of up to one thousand rupees. The offenses include:
- o Intentionally giving false answers or refusing to answer questions.
  - o Refusing reasonable access to Census Officers.
  - o Removing, damaging, or obliterating Census marks or numbers,
  - o Failure to fill out or return a Census Schedule as required.
- The Government of Puducherry urges all residents to provide accurate information and actively participate in this national task.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

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