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CENSUS OF INDIA 2027 - CIRCULAR No. 7

Subject: **Approved norms under different components for Census 2027-reg.**

The Government of India has approved the conduct of Census of India, 2027. The Census of India 2027 would be conducted in two phases: (i) Houselisting and Housing Census - April to September 2026 and (ii) Population Enumeration (PE): February, 2027 (For the UT of Ladakh and snow bound non-synchronous areas of UT of Jammu & Kashmir and states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, PE shall be conducted in September, 2026). The Census of India 2027 will make extensive use of technology to enhance the quality of data collection and enable faster data release. The financial norms approved by the Government of India are detailed for each item of work in subsequent paras.

2. Honorarium to Census Functionaries:

2.1 All the Census functionaries have to be appointed under the provisions of Census Act, 1948 and Census Rules, 1990, as amended from time to time. The detailed instructions in this regard have already been issued vide Census Circular No. 5, issued on 26.11.2025. Honorarium will be paid to Census functionaries after successful completion of Census work as allotted to them.

2.2 The amount of honorarium for various level of Census functionaries is as under:

(a) Enumerators and Supervisors

Sl. No.	Phase(s)	Amount (in Rs.)
1	Phase-I: Houselisting and Housing Census (HLO)	9,000
2	Phase-II: Population Census (PE)	16,000
	Total Honorarium	25,000

The Enumerators and Supervisors will use their own mobile device for data collection and other Census related work. Further, no separate TA/DA etc. will be provided for visits to the allotted Enumeration Block(s).

(b) Other Census functionaries:

Category	Amount (in Rs.)		
	HLO	PE	Total
State Nodal Officer	30,000	45,000	75,000
Other officers/ officials at State/UT level (maximum 5 per State/UT)	12,000	18,000	30,000
Principal Census Officer, Addl. Principal Census Officer, Divisional Commissioner (where exists)	25,000	35,000	60,000
District Census Officer, City Census Officer, Addl. District Census Officer, District Informatics Officer (DIO) and Other Census officers/officials in the District (maximum 8 per district)	20,000	25,000	45,000
Sub-Division Officer, Charge Officer, Addl. Charge Officer	20,000	25,000	45,000
Census Clerk in Charge Office (1 in each Charge)	12,000	18,000	30,000

2.3 The honorarium will be provided to the Census functionaries after successful completion of work for each phase. The Charge Officer will ensure honorarium has been given to the Enumerators and Supervisors of her/his Charge. For other Census functionaries, the State Nodal Officer will ensure the payment of honorarium.

3. Technical Assistance to State/District Administration

3.1 With the introduction of many new initiatives like data collection through mobile applications, use of Census Management and Monitoring System (CMMS) Portal, Houselisting Block Creator (HLBC) web application, self-enumeration portal etc., the Census of India 2027 will be technologically intensive with a target to get the digitized data from the field itself. This would enable release of Census data in the shortest possible time and will also reduce the data entry work. Accordingly, in order to strengthen the State, District and Charge level Census Officers, the assistance in terms of hired technical manpower is being provided at the State/UT, District and Charge level. In addition to this, Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) for office assistance is also given at State/UT and District level. Both these manpower will be hired for a maximum period of 18 months starting from January, 2026. The details are as under:

Sl. No.	Administrative Unit	Manpower allowed for 18 months
1	State/UT	4 Technical Assistant, 2 MTS
2	District	2 Technical Assistant, 1 MTS
3	M. Corporation*	2 Technical Assistant, 1 MTS
4	Charge	1 Technical Assistant

* Only for the Municipal Corporations for which the Principal Census Officer has been appointed by the State Government.

3.2 While hiring the above mentioned manpower, the State/UT Government may ensure that the hired manpower is suitably qualified to handle the digital applications and other related works for Census 2027.

3.3 The maximum monthly remuneration for Technical Assistant will be Rs. 25,000/- per month and for MTS will be Rs. 18,000/- per month. Apart from this amount, no other financial assistance with respect to this manpower will be provided by the Government of India. Further, this assistance, being provided to States/UTs for the work of Census 2027, is for a maximum period of 18 months. Thereafter, this assistance will automatically cease to exist and there shall be no liability of the Government of India on this account either financially or otherwise.

3.4 The engagement of this manpower will be purely on short term contractual basis. The hired manpower (Technical Assistant or MTS) will not be entitled to any claims, rights, interests or further benefits in terms of regularisation or consideration of further appointment to any post, including any claims for any casual, ad-hoc, temporary or regular service in the Government. Further, the responsibility of ensuring statutory deductions like EPF, ESIC etc. will be of the concerned State/District/Charge level authorities.

3.5 It would be appropriate if the manpower at District, Municipal Corporation and Charge level is hired by the Principal Census Officer (District Magistrate/ District Collector/ Dy. Commissioner for her/his jurisdiction and Municipal Commissioner for her/his jurisdiction) by following extant financial rules of the concerned State/UT Government. The hiring of manpower should be through Outsourcing Agency only and not by direct appointment. All payments be made through Outsourcing Agency to the hired manpower. The retired government officials may also be considered subject to meeting the suitability for the work. For the State/ UT level, the nodal department may follow the same procedure.

4. **Assistance to State, District and Charge:** The Government has also approved provisions for providing assistance in terms of infrastructural support at State, District and Charge level. The details are as under:

4.1 **IT Infrastructure:** For Census 2027, one time grant has been provisioned for procurement of hardware and software viz., computer, software, printer, UPS, internet connection, computer table, chair etc. For procurement of these items, applicable financial rules need to be followed.

4.2 **Petrol, Oil, Lubricant (POL)/ Hiring of Vehicle:** The State Government / District Administration / Charge Officers will have to undertake extensive touring in order to have proper monitoring, supervision and control within their respective jurisdiction. Accordingly, provision has been made for POL/ Hiring of vehicle to enable Census Officers to undertake intensive supervision and inspection.

4.3 **Handling Charges (Contingency):** There might be some miscellaneous expenses during the preparatory work, actual field work and post completion of the Census 2027. Some instances are: local publicity, transportation of Census material locally, stationery, printing, photocopying, labour charges, packing materials, postal charges, meeting expenses, etc. These may be required by the Charge Officer, Principal Census Officer and State Nodal Officer.

4.4 The amount to meet IT Infrastructure, POL/Hiring of vehicles and Handling charges mentioned at para 4.1 to 4.3 above, at various levels for HLO and PE has been summarized below:

Administrative Unit	Amount (in Rs) for		
	IT Infrastructure	POL/ Hiring of Vehicle	Handling Charges (Contingency)
State/UT	10,00,000	10,00,000	10,00,000
District	5,00,000	5,00,000	5,00,000
M. Corporation*	5,00,000	5,00,000	5,00,000
Charge	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000

This amount is for both the phases of Census 2027.

* Only for the Municipal Corporations for which the Principal Census Officer has been appointed by the State Government.

5. Training

5.1 One of the most important aspects for successful conduct of the Census is the training of the enumerators, supervisors and other census functionaries who are

duly appointed for the purpose. Training is of vital importance for ensuring quality of data collected especially with the introduction of new initiatives like data collection on mobile app, use of CMMS portal for real time management of entire operations.

5.2 A complete training cascade has been designed starting from 100 National Trainers (NTs) who will train about 2,000 Master Trainers (MTs). These MTs will train about 44,000 Field Trainers (FTs) who subsequently will train about 31 lakh enumerators and supervisors (including reserves).

5.3 This mammoth exercise will also involve elaborate arrangements requiring sufficient financial and administrative support. Accordingly, the following financial norms are to be followed in each phase of Census 2027:

Training Category	Amount per day per Person (in Rs)
Training of State/District Officials at State & Divisional Levels	900
Training of District/ Charge functionaries at District level	650
Training of Technical/Regular Assistants at District level	650
Training of Field Trainers in Normal Areas	600
Training of Field Trainers in Hilly Areas	1,000
Training of Field Trainers in North Eastern States in Residential Mode, if required	3,000
Training of Enumerators & Supervisors	600
Notes:	
1) For Enumerators and Supervisors training, an amount of Rs.600/- per day per person has been approved as a training allowance for attending training. This includes Rs.200/- per person per day for arranging refreshments to the participants during the training. The Enumerators and Supervisors who, even after allocation of field work, did not do the same after attending training, will not get training allowance.	
2) For others, the per day per person amount is inclusive of refreshments.	

5.4 **Honorarium and Travelling Allowance for MTs and FTs:** Honorarium for MTs from States/UTs for imparting training to the FTs has been kept at Rs.1,800 per MT per day. In case an MT from a particular State/UT need to travel from one district to the another within the State/UT for imparting training to two batches of FTs, a maximum amount of Rs. 4000/- has been provisioned for travelling expenses.

In case of FTs, the honorarium for FTs has been kept at Rs.1,000 per FT per day for imparting training to the Enumerators and Supervisors. Further, in case of North-Eastern States, the travelling allowance for FTs has also been provisioned for attending residential training, if at Rs. 1000/- per FT, wherever applicable.

5.5 In addition to it, an amount of Rs.7,500/- per batch for HLO and Rs.7,500/- per batch for PE for organizing training has been approved. This amount will be useful for District/ Charge Administration for hiring of venue, projector, audio system and other related arrangements while organizing the training.

6. The requisite funds for items detailed in para 2, 3, 4 and 5 above, will be provided to the State/UT Governments. For this purpose, funds would be transferred to State/UT Government as Grant-in-aid by the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India. Accordingly, the State Governments/ UT Administrations are requested to take all necessary steps for timely disbursement of the funds to the District Administration so as to ensure the availability of requisite funds to the Districts/ Sub-districts/Tehsils or Talukas and of the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) concerned, during the current and subsequent financial years for meeting the above detailed expenditure.

7. The authorities are requested to maintain complete details of all the expenses for Census work and for furnishing a quarterly consolidated statement of such expenditure at each level and for the State/UT as a whole, duly certified by the concerned authority of the State /UT.

8. As the Census related works are in full swing, it will be appreciated if necessary orders of the State Government /UT Administration to the concerned District and Municipal Authorities are issued urgently. Copies of orders issued in this regard may kindly be endorsed to the Director of Census Operations in your State /UT and also to this office at the email id djain.rgi@gov.in


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