

Short notice to describe the situation of next Census of Population and Housing in Sri Lanka.

Census of Population and Housing will be conducted by the Department of Census and Statistics under Ministry of Finance in Sri Lanka.

We are not decided date for next Census so far. It will start in mid of year 2011. That means June or July on 2011.

Director General of the department is already appointed steering committee for the next Census and also appointed team for the mapping process. They are already completed mapping work of three districts and planning to complete all mapping work in July of 2010.

We are planning to do De jure methodology for the next Census in 2011 and will use Optical Data Capturing method by using Intelligent Character Recognition. We already decided to outsource all part of the Optical Data Capturing process. We will use Census Survey Processing System (CSPro 3.3) for data editing process.

Appoint team to develop Automated Data Coding System (Occupation & Industry) for the next Census.

We are planning to decentralized Optical Data Capturing process by province level. There are nine(09) Provinces in Sri Lanka. We will establish new office for the data capturing in each Province.

Our rough budget is 10 million US\$ (1000 million SL Rupees) for Census of Population & Housing 2011 in Sri Lanka.

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