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CENSUS OF INDIA 1991

Provisional Population Totals

FIGURES AT A GLANCE

A.	POPULATION OF SIKKIM	Total	403,612
		Males	214,723
		Females	188,889
B.	DECENNIAL POPULATION GROWTH 1981-91		
	(1) Absolute		87,227
	(2) Percentage		27.57
C.	DENSITY OF POPULATION		57 per sq. km.
D.	SEX RATIO		880 Females per 1000 Males
E.	PERCENTAGE OF LITERATES TO ESTIMATED POPULATION AGED 7 AND ABOVE	Total	56.53 Percent
		Males	64.34 Percent
		Females	47.23 Percent

STATE/U.T.WISE DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION, SEX RATIO AND DENSITY OF POPULATION

State/District	Population 1991			Sex Ratio		Density		Growth rate	
	Persons	Males	Females	1981	1991	1981	1991	71-81	81-91
INDIA	843,930,861	437,597,929	406,332,932	934	929	216	267	24.66	23.50
Andhra Pradesh	66,304,854	33,623,738	32,681,116	975	972	195	241	23.10	23.82
Arunachal Pradesh	858,392	461,242	397,150	862	861	8	10	35.15	35.86
Assam	22,294,562	11,579,693	10,714,869	N.A	925	230	284	23.36	23.58
Bihar	86,338,853	45,147,280	41,191,573	946	912	402	497	24.06	23.49
Goa	1,168,622	593,563	575,059	975	969	272	316	26.74	15.96
Gujarat	41,174,060	21,272,388	19,901,672	942	936	174	210	27.67	20.80
Haryana	16,317,715	8,705,379	7,612,336	870	874	292	369	28.75	26.28
Himachal Pradesh	5,111,079	2,560,894	2,550,185	973	996	77	92	23.71	19.39
Jammu & Kashmir	7,718,700	4,014,100	3,704,600	892	923	59	76	29.69	28.92
Karnataka	44,817,398	22,861,409	21,955,989	963	960	194	234	26.75	20.69
Kerala	29,011,237	14,218,167	14,793,070	1032	1,040	655	747	19.24	13.98
Madhya Pradesh	66,135,862	34,232,048	31,903,814	941	932	118	149	25.27	26.75
Maharashtra	78,706,719	40,652,056	38,054,663	937	936	204	256	24.57	25.36
Manipur	1,826,714	931,511	895,203	971	961	64	82	32.46	28.56
Meghalaya	1,760,626	904,308	856,318	954	947	60	78	22.04	31.80
Mizoram	686,217	356,672	329,545	919	924	23	33	48.55	38.98
Nagaland	1,215,573	643,273	572,300	863	890	47	73	50.05	56.86
Orissa	31,512,070	15,979,904	15,532,166	981	972	169	202	20.17	19.50
Punjab	20190795	10695136	9495659	879	888	333	401	23.89	20.26
Rajasthan	43,880,640	22,935,895	20,944,745	919	913	100	128	32.97	28.07
Sikkim	403,612	214,723	188,889	835	880	45	57	50.77	27.57
Tamil Nadu	55,638,318	28,217,947	27,420,371	977	972	372	428	17.50	14.94
Tripura	2,744,827	1,410,545	1,334,282	946	946	196	262	31.92	33.69
Uttar Pradesh	138,760,417	73,745,994	65,014,423	895	882	377	471	25.49	25.16
West Bengal	67,982,732	35,461,898	32,520,834	911	917	615	766	23.17	24.55
A & N Islands	277,989	152,737	125,252	760	820	23	34	67.93	47.29
Chandigarh	640,725	357,411	283,314	769	793	3,961	5,620	75.55	41.88
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	138,542	70,927	67,615	974	953	211	282	39.78	33.63
Daman & Diu	101,439	51,452	49,987	1,062	972	705	906	26.07	28.43
Delhi	9,370,475	5,120,733	4,249,742	808	830	4,194	6,319	53.00	50.64
Lakshadweep	51,681	26,582	25,099	975	944	1,258	1,615	26.53	28.40
Pondicherry	789,416	398,324	391,092	985	982	1,229	1,605	28.15	30.60

Notes:
1. In 1981, Census was not conducted in Assam. Based on the 1971 Census and the 1991 census provisional results the population as of 1981 has been interpolated.
2. As a consequence of the revised estimates for Assam for the year 1981, the total population of India as of 1981 has been estimated as 683,329,097 as against earlier published figures of 685,184,692.
3. As a consequence of the revised figures the decadal growth rate for India during 1971-81 has been estimated as 24.66.
4. 1991 Census has not yet been conducted in J&K. The figures are as per projections prepared by the Standing Committee of Experts.

STATE/U.T.WISE LITERACY

State	Total Population 1991			Literate population aged 7+			Percentage of literates to estimated population aged 7 and above 1981			1991		
	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females
INDIA *	836,212,161	433,583,829	402,628,332	361,713,246	230,150,363	131,562,883	43.56	56.37	29.75	52.11	63.86	39.42
Andhra Pradesh	66,304,854	33,623,738	32,681,116	24,840,456	15,675,060	9,165,396	35.66	46.83	24.16	45.11	56.24	33.71
Arunachal Pradesh	858,392	461,242	397,150	282,147	190,691	91,456	25.54	35.11	14.01	41.22	51.10	29.37
Assam	22,294,562	11,579,693	10,714,869	9,631,529	5,862,115	3,769,414	NA	NA	NA	53.42	62.34	43.70
Bihar	86,338,853	45,147,280	41,191,573	26,854,389	19,176,364	7,678,025	32.03	46.58	16.51	38.54	52.63	23.10
Goa	1,168,622	593,563	575,059	782,002	440,396	341,606	65.71	76.01	55.17	76.96	85.48	68.20
Gujarat	41,174,060	21,272,388	19,901,672	21,265,395	13,070,534	8,194,861	52.21	65.14	38.46	60.91	72.54	48.50
Haryana	16,317,715	8,705,379	7,612,336	7,431,708	4,872,757	2,558,951	43.85	58.49	26.89	55.33	67.85	40.94
Himachal Pradesh	5,111,079	2,560,894	2,550,185	2,724,609	1,602,266	1,122,343	51.17	64.27	37.72	63.54	74.57	52.46
Karnataka	44,817,398	22,861,409	21,955,989	21,074,117	12,868,146	8,205,971	46.20	58.72	33.16	55.98	67.25	44.34
Kerala	29,011,237	14,218,167	14,793,070	22,657,985	11,508,235	11,149,750	81.56	87.74	75.65	90.59	94.45	86.93
Madhya Pradesh	66,135,862	34,232,048	31,903,814	23,491,956	16,101,046	7,390,910	34.22	48.41	18.99	43.45	57.43	28.39
Maharashtra	78,706,719	40,652,056	38,054,663	42,800,914	26,193,454	16,607,460	55.83	69.66	41.01	63.05	74.84	50.51
Manipur	1,826,714	931,511	895,203	895,223	542,513	352,710	49.61	64.12	34.61	60.96	72.98	48.64
Meghalaya	1,760,626	904,308	856,318	689,419	377,281	312,138	42.02	46.62	37.15	48.26	51.37	44.78
Mizoram	686,217	356,672	329,545	462,246	250,962	211,284	74.26	79.37	68.60	81.23	84.06	78.09
Nagaland	1,215,573	643,273	572,300	621,048	360,526	260,522	50.20	58.52	40.28	61.30	66.09	55.72
Orissa	31,512,070	15,979,904	15,532,166	12,911,905	8,392,320	4,519,585	40.96	54.45	25.14	48.59	62.37	34.40
Punjab	20190795	10695136	9495659	9952985	5897599	4055386	48.12	55.52	39.64	57.14	63.68	49.72
Rajasthan	43,880,640	22,935,895	20,944,745	13,618,272	10,143,275	3,474,997	30.09	44.76	13.99	38.81	55.07	20.64
Sikkim	403,612	214,723	188,889	186,779	115,502	71,277	41.57	52.98	27.35	56.53	64.34	47.23
Tamil Nadu	55,638,318	28,217,947	27,420,371	30,383,416	18,055,226	12,317,190	54.39	68.05	40.43	63.72	74.88	52.29
Tripura	2,744,827	1,410,515	1,334,282	1,368,567	821,403	547,164	50.10	61.49	38.01	69.39	78.08	60.01
Uttar Pradesh	138,760,417	73,745,994	65,014,423	46,871,095	33,268,503	13,602,592	33.72	47.43	17.18	41.71	55.35	26.02
West Bengal	67,982,732	35,461,898	32,520,834	32,719,340	20,053,418	12,665,922	48.44	59.33	36.03	57.72	67.24	47.15
A & N Islands	277,989	152,737	125,252	170,349	102,839	67,510	63.16	70.28	53.15	73.74	79.68	66.22
Chandigarh	640,725	357,411	283,314	426,009	252,922	173,087	74.81	78.93	69.31	78.73	82.67	73.61
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	138,542	70,927	67,615	45,073	30,582	14,491	32.70	44.49	20.98	39.45	52.07	26.10
Daman & Diu	101,439	51,452	49,987	61,497	35,968	25,529	59.91	73.45	46.51	73.58	85.67	61.38
Delhi	9,370,475	5,120,733	4,249,742	5,949,528	3,570,973	2,378,555	71.93	77.78	67.57	76.09	82.63	68.01
Lakshadweep	51,681	26,382	25,099	33,562	19,046	14,516	68.42	81.24	55.22	79.23	87.06	70.88
Pondicherry	789,416	398,324	391,092	509,746	287,441	222,305	65.14	77.09	53.09	74.91	83.91	65.79

* Excludes figures for Jammu and Kashmir.

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BOUNDARIES:-

- INTERNATIONAL .....
- STATE .....
- DISTRICT .....
- SUB-DIVISION .....

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- STATE CAPITAL ..... ★
- DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ..... ◉
- SUB-DIVISION HEADQUARTERS ... ◎

* Part of Gangtok Sub-Division.

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A BACKGROUND NOTE

India has a long tradition of Census taking. It is hardly necessary to emphasise the utility of Census data for administration, planning for welfare of the people and demographic research etc. The Census is carried out under the Census Act, 1948. This Act makes it obligatory for a person entrusted with Census duties to perform their tasks diligently. It also makes it obligatory for the public to answer all Census questions to the best of his/her knowledge or belief.

Census is a time bound programme and is a great important national task which is undertaken after every ten years. It provides valuable information about the land and the people at a given point of time. It provides the trends in the population and its various characterstics. The data collected are helpful in formulating priorities and programmes for the the economic development of the country for the ten years. The resources under various schemes for the ten years are also allocated by the Government on the basis of the data collected. Census also provides a base for the future development schemes of the State.

Beside development programmes, the allocation of seats in the House of the People under the Provisions of Article 82 and 83 of the Constitution of India is re-adjusted after each Census on the basis of population data. Similarly, under the provisions of the Article 70 of the Constitution of India, the composition of the Legislative Assemblies also depends upon the said data.

The Directorate of Census Operations came into being in Sikkim in October, 1976 only. Prior to this, the Population Census pertaining to Sikkim was conducted by the Directorate of Census Operations, West Bengal. 1981 was the first Census which was conducted independently by the Directorate of Census Operations, Sikkim. Since then many useful and interesting publications have been brought out by this Directorate. Till 1961 all the Census figures used to be published alongwith those of West Bengal. In 1971 , District Census Handbook for Sikkim

was published separately in one volume which contained data on primary Census Abstract and Village Directory at the Panchayat Block level and district level and town directory for the seven towns of the State.

The District Census Handbook and other publications of 1981, contain data in fairly comprehensive and uniform manner with the exception that lowest unit was taken as revenue block instead of Panchayat Block as recorded in 1971. During 1991 Census also the data were collected at revenue block level.

The decennial population Census of India the 13th in the series since 1871, was held from 9th February to the 28th February , 1991 with a revisional round from 1st Ma-rch to 5th Ma-rch, 1991. The reference date for the Census was the sunrise of 1st Ma-rch, 1991.

The Census Operations are divided into two phases- the first phase which is known as the Houselisting Operations aims at locating all human dwellings and the house stock taking. An economic Census was also conducted alongwith the Houselisting Operations by canvassing an enterprise list, one of the purpose of which is to assess the contribution of enterprises run by the people to the National Economy. This first phase of Operation was conducted in Sikkim State during the period from 2nd May, 1990 to 2nd June, 1990. The Government of Sikkim also availed this opportunity to fix permanent House Number plates on houses during the Houselisting Operations.

About 1,000 State Government Employees including the senior Sta-te Government Officers were engaged to complete the time bound Census Operation with surprisingly minimum obstacles. This was possible only with the full support and active participation of the State Government Officers and the employees.

The communication bottlenecks in the far flung areas of the State were overcome with the help of Sikkim Police Depa-rtment who provided additional facilities of wireless stations

in various remote areas of the State. This helped tremendously in the immediate communication of messages during the operation period.

Various publicity compaigns were undertaken intensively during houselisting to population enumeration period which helped greatly in arousing the awareness about census in rural and urban areas.

GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
OFFICERS ASSOCIATED WITH CENSUS OF INDIA- 1991

Sl.No.	Designation	Name
1.	Chief Secretary	Shri K.C. Pradhan, I.A.S.
2.	Additional Chief Secretary-cum-Home Secretary	Shri P.K. Pradhan, I.A.S.
3.	Secretary, Finance	Shri G.P. Pradhan, I.A.S.
4.	Secretary, Land Revenue-cum-State Nodal Officer	Shri T.W. Barfungpa, I.A.S.
5.	Secretary, Education	Shri T. Topden, I.A.S.
6.	Secretary, Information & Public Relations	Shri P.T. Gyamtso, I.A.S.
7.	Secretary, Agriculture & Cooperation	Dr. B.S. Basnet
8.	Secretary to the Chief Minister	Shri T. Gyatso, I.A.S.
9.	Secretary, Health & Family Welfare	Shri P. Namgyal, I.A.S.
10.	Secretary, Urban Development & Housing	Shri R.S. Basnet, I.A.S.
11.	Secretary, Rural Development & Panchayat	Shri L.B. Chettri
12.	Director of Education	Shri M.C. Mathur
13.	Deputy Secretary, Land Revenue	Shri C.L. Sharma
14.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests-cum-Secretary-Cum-Principal Census Officer, Forest Areas	Shri P.S. Moktan, I.F.S.
15.	District Collector-cum-Principal Census Officer, North District	Shri A. Srivastava, I.A.S.
16.	District Collector-cum-Principal Census Officer, East District	Smt. J. Pradhan, I.A.S.
17.	District Collector-cum-Principal Census Officer, South District	Susri R.M. Singh, I.A.S.
18.	District Collector-cum-Principal Census Officer, West District	Smt. R. Ongmu, I.A.S.
19.	Executive Officer-cum-Principal Census Officer, Gangtok Town, Urban Development & Housing	Shri N.K. Pradhan
20.	District Development Officer cum-District Census Officer North-District	Shri K.K. Pradhan
21.	Addl. District Collector-cum District Census Officer, East	Shri K.T. Changpa
22.	Addl. District Collector-cum District Census Officer, South	Shri D.P. Sharma
23.	Addl. District Collector-cum-District Census Officer, West	ShriA.K. Chettri
24.	Sub-Divisional Magistrate-cum Sub-Divisional Census Officer, Chungthang	Shri Nitta Krishna, I.A.S.
25.	Sub-Divisional Magistrate-cum Sub-Divisional Census Officer, Mangan	Shri S.D. Lepcha
26.	Sub-Divisional Magistrate-cum Sub-Divisional Census Officer, Gangtok	Shri L.P. Pandey
27.	Sub-Divisional Magistrate-cum Sub-Divisional Census Officer, I.A.S. Pakyong	Shri Bhanwar Shankar,
28.	Sub-Divisional Magistrate-cum Sub-Divisional Census Officer, I.A.S. Namchi	Susri Upma Srivastava,
29.	Sub-Divisional Magistrate-cum Sub-Divisional Census Officer, Ravong	Shri B.P. Dahal
30.	Sub-Divisional Magistrate-cum Sub-Divisional Census Officer, Gyalshing	Shri M.P. Subba
31.	Sub-Divisional Magistrate-cum Sub-Divisional Census Officer, I.A.S. Soreng	Shri Amar Kumar Yadav,
32.	Asstt. Regional Project Officer cum-Census Charge Officer, Chungthang Charge 'A'	Shri Karma Yazer Bhutia

33.	Veterinary Officer-cum-Census Charge Officer, Chunathang Charge 'B'	Dr. P.K. pradhan
34.	Revenue Officer-I-cum Census Charge Officer, Mangan Charge 'A'	Shri Nezing Lepcha
35.	Revenue Officer-II-cum Census Charge Officer, Mangan Charge 'B'	Shri K.B. Lama
36.	Revenue Officer-cum-Census Charge Officer, Gangtok Charge 'A'	Shri T. Gyamtso
37.	Bazar Officer-cum Census Charge Officer, Gangtok Charge 'B'	Shri K.P. Sharma
38.	Revenue Officer-cum-Census Charge Officer, Pakyong Charge 'A'	Shri Teshi Zangpo
39.	Regional project Officer-cum-Census Charge Officer, Pakyong Charge 'B'	Shri Uchung Bhutia
40.	Asstt. Director, Education-cum-Census Charge Officer, Namchi Charge 'A'	Shri N.H. Ansari
41.	Welfare Officer, SC/ST-cum-Census Charge Officer, Namchi Charge 'B'	Shri B. Lamichaney
42.	Revenue Officer-cum Census Charge Officer Ravong Charge 'A'	Shri D. Phiqu Bhutia
43.	Regional Project Officer-cum Census Charge Officer, Ravong Charge 'B'	Shri B.B. Gautam
44.	Plant Protection Officer-cum Census Charge Officer, Gyalshing Charge 'A'	Shri B.K. Rai
45.	District Information Officer-Census Charge Officer, Gyalshing Charge 'B'	Shri P. Wangyal
46.	Revenue Officer-cum-Census Charge Officer, Soreng Charge 'A'	Shri A.S. Bhandari
47.	Regional Project Officer-cum Census Charge Officer, Soreng Charge 'B'	Shri H.B. Thapa
48.	Asstt. Regional Project Officer Census Town Officer, Mangan Town	Shri T.T. Lepcha
49.	Under Secretary, Urban Dev. & Housing-cum-Census Town Officer, Gangtok Town	Shri Thakur Basnet
50.	Regional Project Officer-cum Census Town Officer, Rangpo Town	Shri Phurba Tshering Bhutia
51.	Chief Medical Officer, East Census Town Officer, Singtam Town	Dr. R.K. Chettri
52.	Veterinary Officer-cum-Census Town Officer, Namchi Town	Dr. Dilip pradhan
53.	Veterinary Officer-cum Census Town Officer, Jorethang Town	Dr. Kesang Bhutia
54.	Tribal Welfare Officer-cum Census Town Officer, Gyalshing Town	Shri T.T. Sherpa
55.	Asstt. Registrar, Cooperative cum-Census Town Officer, Nayabazar Town	Shri J.M. Pradhan
56.	Divisional Forest Officer(T) cum-Census Charge Officer, Forest Charge Circle, North	Shri A. Kumar, I.F.S.
57.	Divisional Forest Officer(T) cum-Census Charge Officer, Forest Charge Circle, East	Shri H.P. Pradhan
58.	Divisional Forest Officer(T) cum-Census Charge Officer, Forest Charge Circle, South	Shri C.D. Lama, I.F.S.
59.	Divisional Forest Officer(T) cum-Census Charge Officer, Forest Charge Circle, West.	Shri B.B. Lama, I.F.S.

LIST OF OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF CENSUS OPERATIONS, SIKKIM

SL.NO.	NAME S/Shri	DESIGNATION
1	2	3
1.	R.S. Shresta, I.A.S.	Director
2.	M. M. Singh	Deputy Director
	NORTH DISTRICT	
1.	B.S.Bhandari	Statistical Assistant-cum-District Census Technical Offic
2.	T.W. Bhutia	Statistical Asst.-cum-Dist. Census Technical Asst.
3.	Roel Lepcha	Statistical Asst.-cum-Dist.Census Technical Asst.
4.	T.T. Bhutia	Computor-cum-District Census Technical Assistant
5.	S.D. Bhutia	-do-
	EAST DISTRICT	
1.	M.K. Darjee	Investigator-cum-Dist.Census Technical Officer
2.	Tuffan Gazmer	Statistical Asst.-cum-Dist.Census Technical Assistant
3.	A.K. Chettri	Computor-cum-Dist.Census Technical Assistant
4.	R.K. Sonkar	Computor/cum/Dist.Census Technical Asst.
5.	A. Dutta	Computor-cum-Dist. Census Technical Asst.
6.	Bhanuraj Thapa	Computor-cum-Dist.Census Technical Asst.
7.	Pushkar Thapa	L.D.C.-cum-Dist.Census Technical Asst.
	SOUTH DISTRICT	
1.	Lakpa Tamang	Investigator-cum-Dist.Census Technical Officer
2.	Binod Kumar Thapa	Computor-cum-Dist Census Technical Asst.
3.	Jaswant Rai	Computor-cum-Dist. Census Technical Asst.
4.	Prakash Lohagun	Computor-cum-Dist.Census Technical Asst.
5.	Jaydeep Acharya	Computor-cum-Dist.Census Technical Asst.
6.	Marcus Lepcha	L.D.C.-cum-Dist.Census Technical Asst.
	WEST DISTRICT	
1.	K.C. Bahuguna	Investigator-cum-Dist. Census Technical Officer
2.	M.K. Gurung	Statistical Asst.-cum-Dist.Census Technical Asst
3.	J.K.Subba	Statistical Asst.-cum-Dist.Census Technical Asst.
4.	Badrinath Majhi	Asst.Compiler-cum-Dist.Census Technical Asst.
5.	Lakpa Tshering Sherpa	Asst.Compiler-cum-Dist.Census Technical Asst.
	URBAN	
1.	P.K. Chettri	Statistical Asst.-cum-Dist.Census Technical Officer
2.	Smt.Santha Sivaraman	Computor-cum-Dist.Census Technical Asst
3.	M. Goite	Computor-cum-Dist.Census Technical Asst.
4.	Miss.Sanghamitra	Asst.Compiler-cum-Dist.Technical Asst.
5.	Miss Leela Devi Rai	Asst.Compiler-cum-Dist.Census Technical Asst.
6.	Miss Jyoti Pradhan	Asst. Compier-cum-Enumerator
7.	Smt.Sabirani Pradhan	Asst.Compiler-cum-Enumerator
8.	Smt. Sangita Subba	Checker - cum-Enumerator
9.	H.S.P. Gupta	Artist-cum-Dist.Census Technical Asst.

BRIEF ANALYSIS
AND
PROVISIONAL POPULATION TABLES

BRIEF ANALYSIS

As the title of the paper itself suggests, the figures presented in this publication are only provisional which have been worked out on the basis of Enumerator's Abstract collected quickly from the field. The ojective of this paper is to make available to the Government and the public certain basic figures of the population such as total population and its distribution, growth rate, sex ratio, density of population and literacy rate almost immediately after the Census enumeration was completed. The relevant details have been presented in the following set of tables:-

1. Distribution of population, sex ratio, growth rate and density of population by districts;
2. Decadal variation in population since 1901;
3. Statement showing cities with a population of 100,000 and above;
4. Literacy.

DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION

The provisional total population of Sikkim as at the sun-rise of 1st March, 1991, which is the reference date for the 1991 Census, was 403,612 comprising of 214,723 males and 188,889 females. Among the total four districts of Sikkim, East District with 176,145 persons ranks first in popoulation size like in the previous census-while North district with 31,143 persons occupies the lowest rank. South and West districts have not changed their ranking, occupying second and third position respectively since 1981. The rank of South district had however, changed from third position in 1971 to second position in 1981.

SEX RATIO

The average sex ratio of Sikkim works out to 880 females per 1,000 males in 1991 census as against 835 females per 1,000 males during 1981 census. Figures of sex ratio in the past decades reveal that in Sikkim there is a declining trend. The sex ratio in this State was 916 in 1901 which steadily declined through the decades to the level of 835 in 1981. However, an appreciable gain is achieved in 1991 Census recording 880 females per 1000 males as against 835 in 1981 Census. The increase in sex ratio can be observed in all the four districts of Sikkim in comprison to 1981 Census.

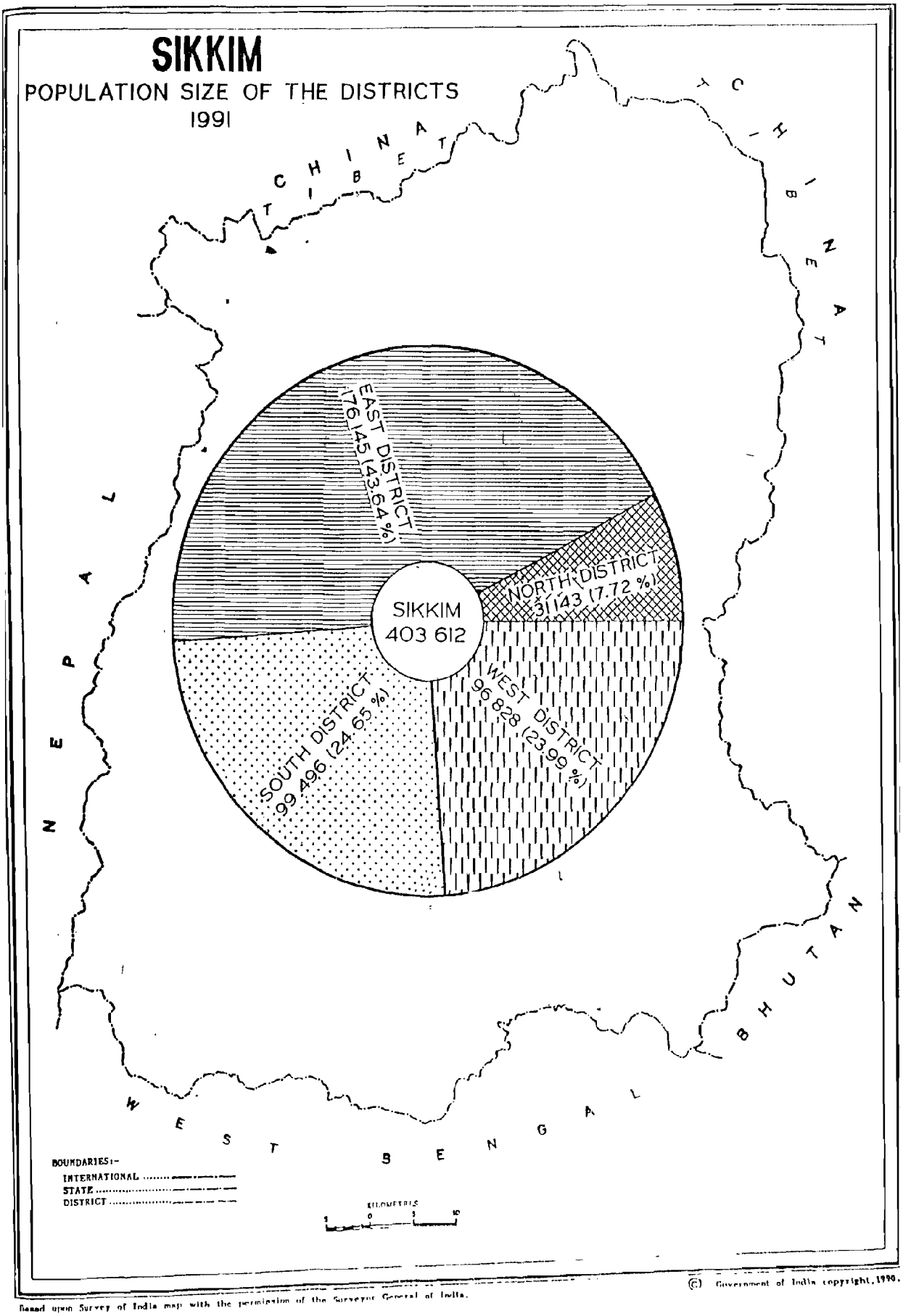
TABLE 1

1991 CENSUS

(Provisional Figures)

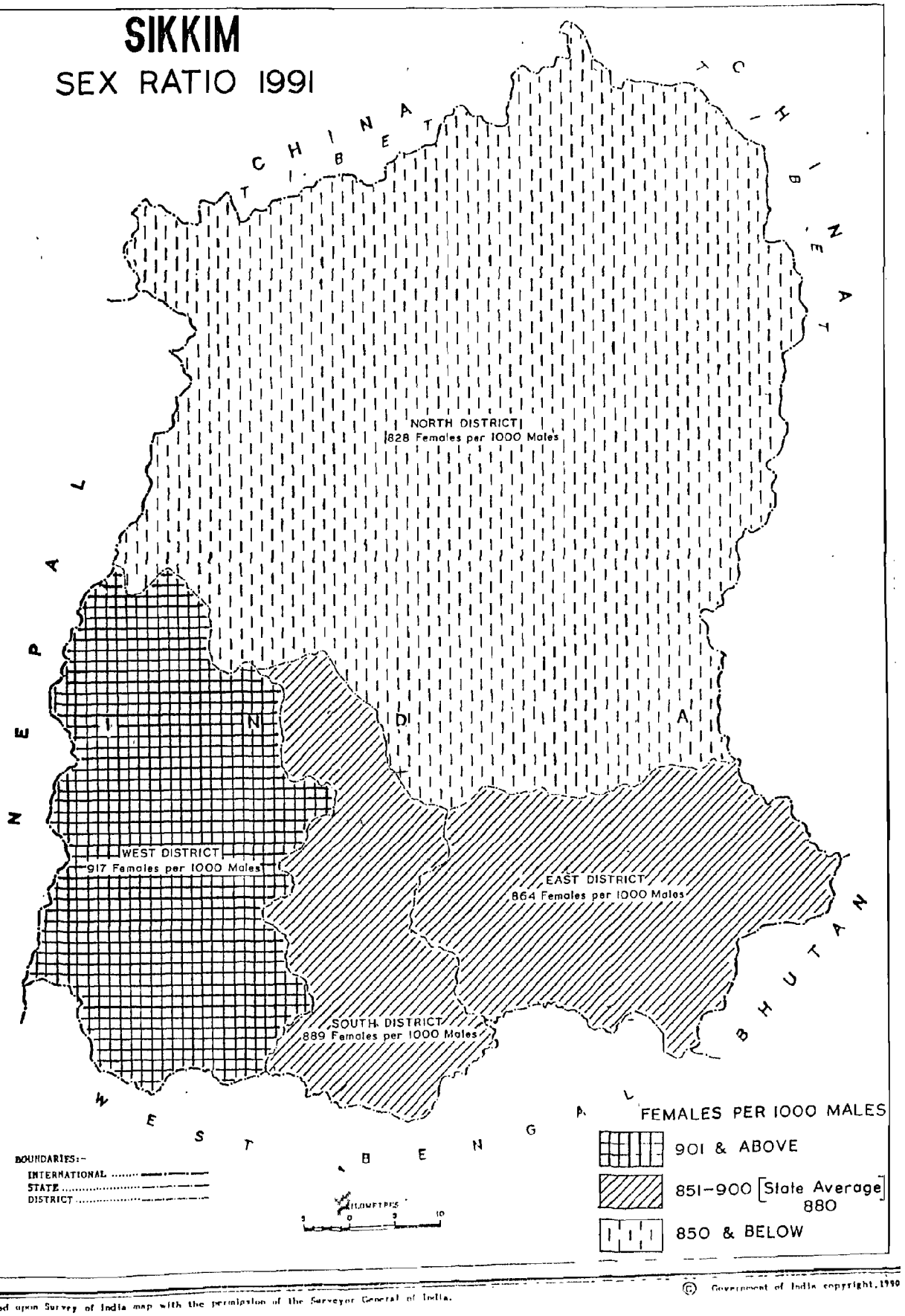
Distribution of Population, Sex Ratio, Growth Rate and Density of Population by Districts

State/ District	POPULATION 1991			Sex-Ratio (Females per 1000 males)		Density of Population per Km^2		Decennial Growth rate of population	
	Per-sons	Males	Fe-males	1981	1991	1981	1991	1971-81	1981-91
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SIKKIM	403,612	214,723	188,889	835	880	45	57	50.77	27.57
NORTH	31,143	17,036	14,107	789	828	6	7	103.28	17.72
EAST	176,145	94,513	81,632	797	864	145	185	62.07	26.94
SOUTH	99,496	52,675	46,821	854	889	101	133	42.85	30.96
WEST	96,828	50,499	46,329	906	917	64	83	29.59	28.77



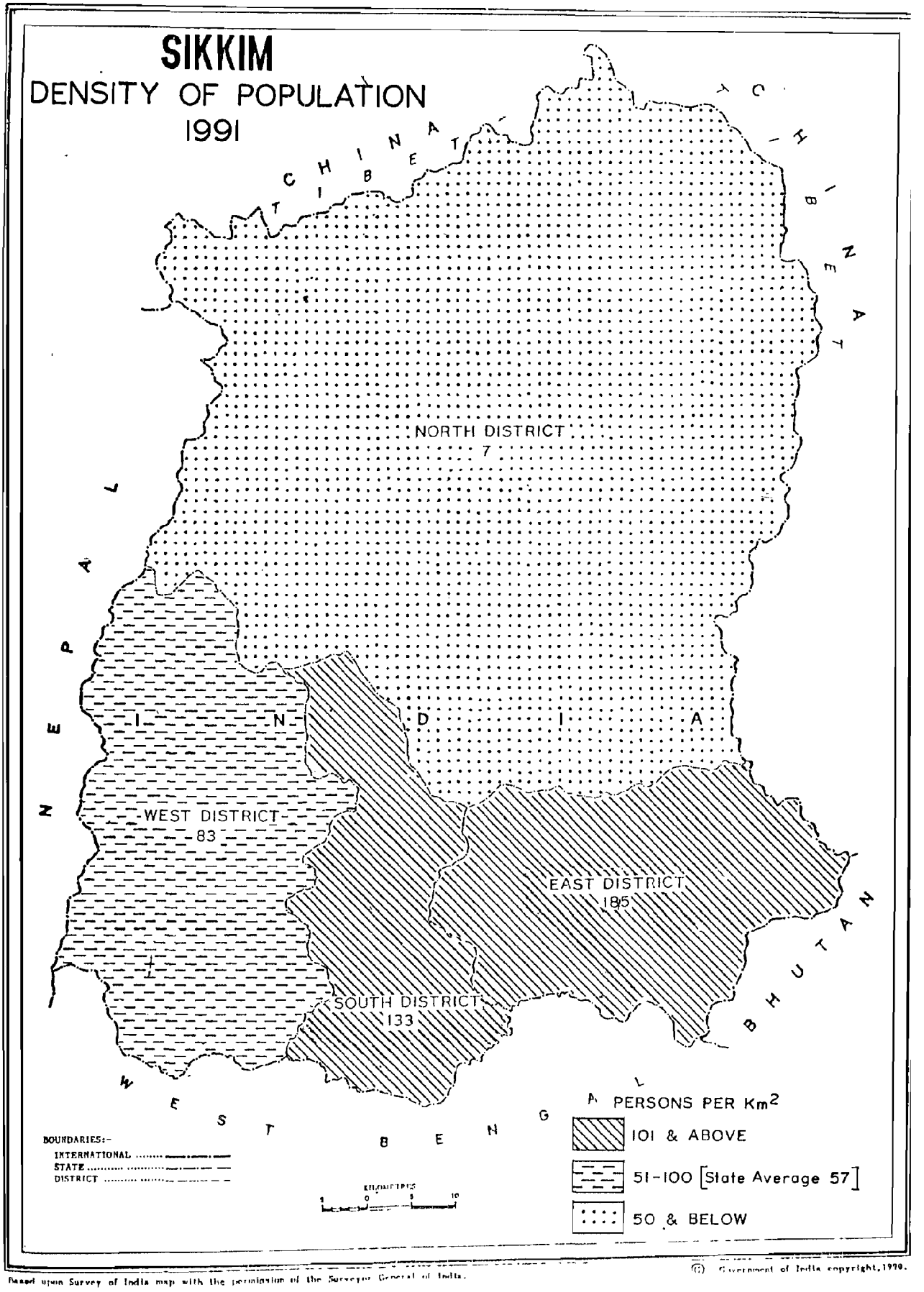
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The sex ratio in West district recorded 917 females per 1000 males which is comparatively higher among districts of Sikkim.It can further be observed that the sex ratio in West District was also highest in 1981 Census in comprison to the other districts. In the districts of North and East, the sex ratio is less than the State average in both the Censuses of 1981 and 1991. South District with sex ratio of 889 accounts a little higher to the state average. The lowest sex ratio of 828 is observed in North district followed by East district with 864 . The position in sex ra- tio among the districts remains unchanged in the decade between 1981 and 1991.

Chart showing sex ratio differences by districts can be seen at page No.18.

DENSITY

Sikkim is a thinly populated hilly State. The density of population per square kilometre is 57 as against 45 recorded in 1981 Census. Among the districts, East district has the highest density of 185 persons per square kilometre, followed by South and West districts having the density of 133 and 83 persons per square kilometre. North district is found to have the lowest density of 7 persons per square kilometre. The four districts of Sikkim State have recorded a similar phenomenon in regard to the position in density during the two Censuses of 1981 and 1991.

Comparative density is also shown in chart at page No. 19.

DECENNIAL GROWTH RATE

The population of Sikkim has increased from 316,385 persons in 1981 to 403,612 persons in 1991, thus recording an increase of 87,227 persons indicating a growth rate of 27.57 per cent during the decade 1981-1991. The corresponding growth rate during 1971-81 for Sikkim was 50.77.

As regards the decennial growth rate of population during 1981-1991 period amongst different districts of the State, South district has recorded the highest growth rate of 30.96 per cent whereas West District ranked second with 28.77 per cent and East district

ranked third with 26.94 per cent. During 1971-1981, North district ranked first in growth rate but during 1981-1991, it occupies the last position. South district with its third position during 1971-1981 period, now enjoys the highest growth rate during 1981-1991 period and West district which had recorded the lowest growth rate during 1971-1981 among the districts of Sikkim has now gained second rank during 1981-1991 period.

Chart given at page No.23 shows the growth of population during 1981-1991.

DECADAL VARIATION IN POPULATION SINCE 1901

It can be observed from table 2 that the data at district level for the period from 1901 to 1961 are not available due to non-demarcation of Districts during this period. The percentage decadal variation in population even for the period 1961-1971 could not be worked out in respect of South and West districts in the absence of data for the past Censuses.

The growth rate of 1981-1991 when compared to the growth rate of the previous decade of 1971-1981 reveals that the growth rate has slided down by 23.20 per cent. Although the decadal variation of population during 1981-1991 has come down significanty, but in general the growth rate of 27.57 in 1981-1991 still seems to be on a higher side in the case of a small State like Sikkim.

There is no uniform growth rate of population since 1901.The rate of growth was 48.98 per cent in the decade 1901-1911. In the next decade of 1911-1921 population registered a negative growth rate of 7.05 per cent. During the period from 1921 to 1931, a substantial growth rate of 34.37 was recorded. In Sikkim the growth rate started climbing with the start of developmental plans in 1954, thus recording a rate of 17.76 per cent in 1951-1961. During 1961-1971, the tempo of developmental works increased rapidly and as anticipated the population growth rate went to 29.38 per cent. It further accelerated to 50.77 per cent in 1971-81 on account of rapid increase in investment

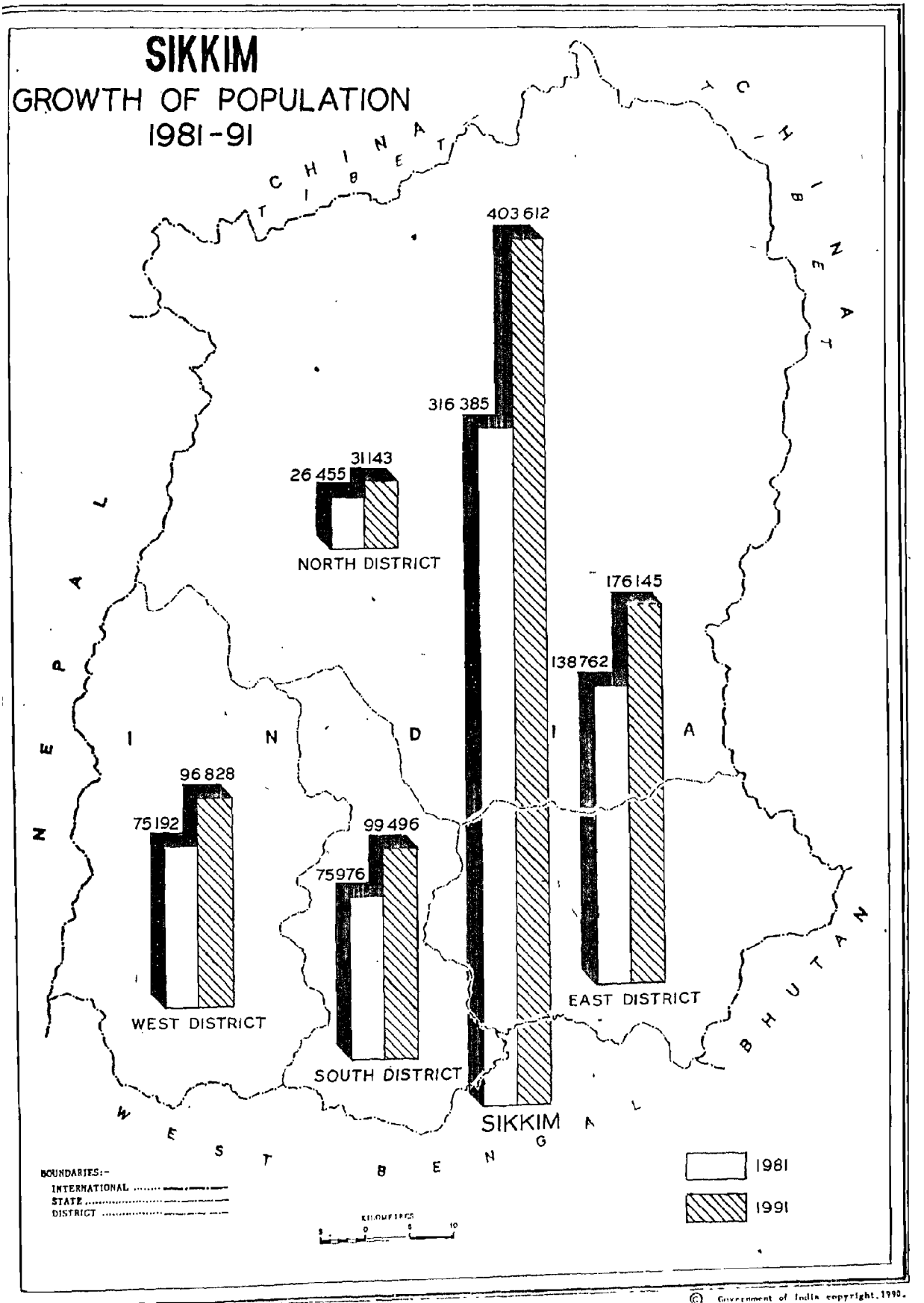
TABLE - 2

1991 CENSUS

(Provisional Figures)

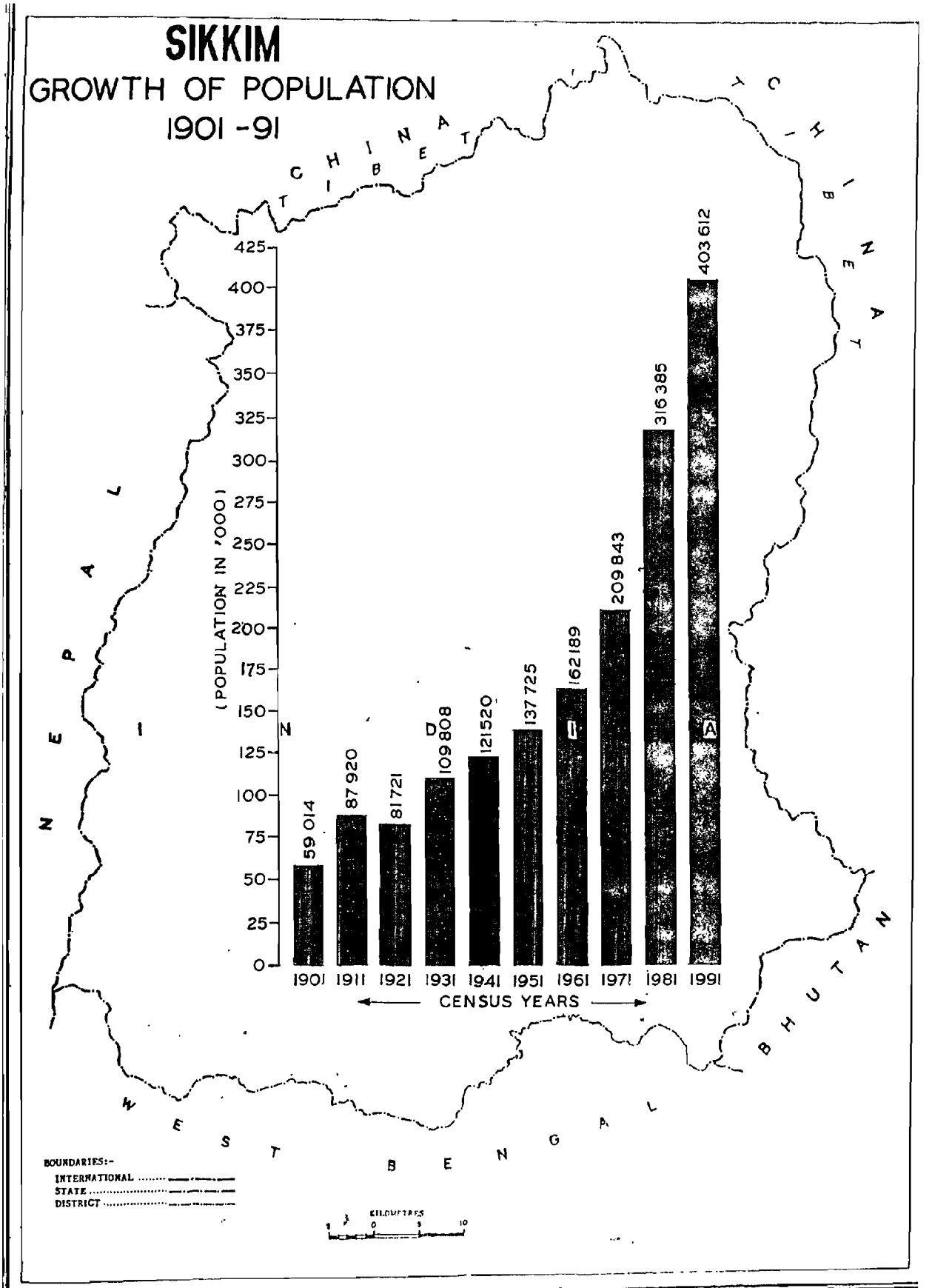
Decadal Variation in Population Since 1901

State/ District	Percentage Decadal Variation in Population								
	1901-1911	1911-1921	1921-1931	1931-1941	1941-1951	1951-1961	1961-1971	1971-1981	1981-1991
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SIKKIM	48.98	(-)7.05	34.37	10.67	13.34	17.76	29.38	50.77	27.57
NORTH	-	-	-	-	-	-	33.35	103.28	17.72
EAST	-	-	-	-	-	-	51.00	62.07	26.94
SOUTH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42.85	30.96
WEST	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29.59	28.77



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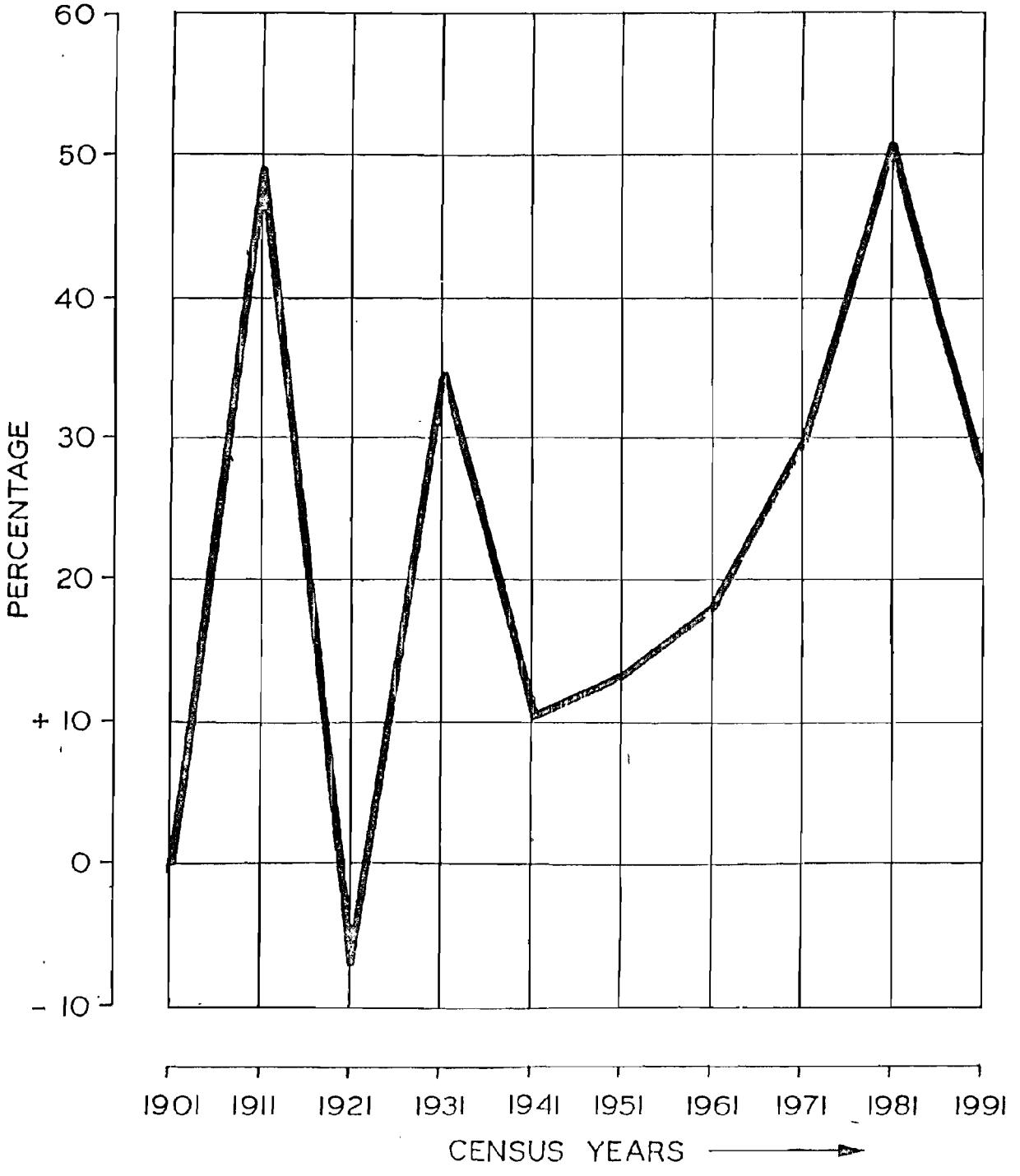


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SIKKIM

GROWTH RATE OF POPULATION 1901-91



on developmental plans, particularly after 1975. The population growth rate recorded during the decade 1981-1991 is 27.57 per cent only.

Growth of population 1901-91 and growth rate of population 1901-1991 can be seen in the charts appended at page Nos. 24 and 25.

LITERACY

The criteria laid down in 1991 Census for a person to be considered as a literate was that the person should be able to read and write in any language with understanding. A person who could only read but could not write was not considered literate . Literates exclude children in the age group 0-6 who are treated as illiterates in 1991 Census.

It can be seen from table 4 that the literate population of the State as a whole is 186,779 out of the total population of 403,612. The percentage of literates to estimated population aged 7 and above in Sikkim as recorded in 1991 Census is 56.53 as against 41.57 per cent in 1981 Census which shows a significant increase in the literacy rate. The percentage of literacy among males is 64.34 per cent and the corresponding percentage for females is 47.23.

In this development era, it is natural to expect increase in literacy rate due to increase in educational facilities. Sikkim is also developing rapidly and hence the number of literates is also increasing. The substantial increase in literacy is essentially due to increase in educational facilities.

The highest literacy is recorded in East district which is 94,550 out of the total population of 176,145 followed by South district with 43,295 out of 99,496 and North district with 13,546 out of the total population of 31,143. The lowest literacy is recorded in West district with 35,388 out of 96,828 persons. It is worthwhile to note that North district which is predominantly a tribal district is far ahead of West district in the case of literacy.

The male literacy is substantially higher as against female literacy in 1991. Considering the traditional slow rate at which female literacy in India has increased, the improvement made by the Sikkimese womenfolk in regard to literacy is quite encouraging.

TABLE - 3

1991 CENSUS

(Provisional Figures)

Statement showing cities with a population of 100,000 and above

Sl. No.	Name of City	Provisional Population 1991			Sex ratio	Total Literates*		
		Persons	Males	Females		Persons	Males	Females
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Note: Excludes children in the age group 0-6 who are treated as illiterates in the 1991 Census.

1991 CENSUS
(Provisional Figures)

TABLE - 4

LITERACY

State/ District	Total Population 1991			Literate Population 1991*		
	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SIKKIM	403,612	214,723	188,889	186,779	115,502	71,277
NORTH	31,143	17,036	14,107	13,546	8,823	4,723
EAST	176,145	94,513	81,632	94,550	57,320	37,230
SOUTH	99,496	52,675	46,821	43,295	26,904	16,391
WEST	96,828	50,499	46,329	35,388	22,455	12,933

* Literates exclude children in the age group 0-6 who are treated as illiterates in the 1991 Census.

CENSUS OF INDIA 1991
HOUSELIST

Page No.....

CONFIDENTIAL

Name of State/UT..... Code No. .....
Name of District ..... Code No. .....
Name of Tehsil/Taluk/P.S./
Dev. Block/Circle, etc..... Code No. .....

Name of village/town ..... Code No.
Name or No. of ward/mohalla/hamlet..... Code No. .....
Enumeration Block No. .....

Name of Dev. Block .....
....
Code No. .....

Line No.	Building No (Municipal or local authority or census No.)	Census house No.	Predominant construction material of census house: Wall	Roof	Floor	Purpose for which census house is used (if wholly or partly used for running one or more enterprises, fill enterprise list)	If used wholly or partly as a residence: Household No.	Serial No. of the household	For Head of Household only, write: Name	Male (1)/Female (2)	SC (1)/ST (2) (If SC ascertain religion and write 'H' for Hindus and 'S' for Sikhs within brackets after code 1)	Does the household live in owned or rented house? Write 1 for owned 2 for rented 3 for others	No. of living rooms in the occupation of household	Facilities available to the household: Drinking water supply: Source	Drinking water supply: Within premises (1)/ Outside premises (2)	Electricity : Yes (1)/No (2)	Toilet : Yes (1)/No. (2)	Type of fuel used for cooking	Is the household or one or more members of the household engaged in one or more enterprises outside this census house and without premises or in the open air? If yes, fill enterprise list	No. of persons normally residing in the household: Males	Females	Persons	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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7																							
8																							
9																							
0																							
	* Total					* Total													Total				

* Count the number of entries and give total

Key to Codes:

WALL (Col. 4): Grass, leaves, reeds or bamboos (1) | Mud (2) | Unburnt bricks (3) | Wood (4) | Burnt bricks (5) | G.I. Sheets or other metal sheets (6) | Stone (7) | Cement concrete (8) | Ekra (9) and | Others (10)

ROOF (Col. 5): Grass, leaves, reeds, thatch, wood, mud, unburnt bricks or bamboos (1) | Tiles, slate or shingle (2) | Corrugated iron, zinc or other metal sheets (3) | Asbestos cement sheets (4) | Bricks, Stone and lime (5) | Stone (6) | Concrete R.B.C./R.C.C. (7) and | Others (8)

FLOOR (Col. 6): Mud (1) | Wood/Planks (2) | Bamboos or logs (3) | Bricks, Stone and lime (4) | Cement (5) | Mosaic/Tiles (6) and | Others (7)

SOURCE OF DRINKING WATER SUPPLY (Col. 15): Well (1) | Tap (2) | Handpump/tubewell (3) | River/canal (4) | Tank (5) and | Others (6)

TYPE OF FUEL USED FOR COOKING (Col. 19): Cowdung cake (1) | Electricity (2) | Coal coke/lignite (3) | Charcoal (4) | Cooking gas (5) | Wood (6) | Bio-gas (7) | Kerosene (8) and | Others (9)

Signature of Enumerator ..... Date .....

Signature of Supervisor ..... Date .....

CENSUS OF INDIA 1991 INDIVIDUAL SLIP CONFIDENTIAL

Location Code.....( ) Sl. No. of Household [ ] Pad No. .....

Code No. of Development Block ..... Slip No. .....

1 Name.....

2 Relationship to head.....

3 Male (1)/Female (2) .....

4 Age .....

5 Marital status.....

6 Mother tongue.....

7 Two other languages known .....

8 Religion.....

9 Whether S.C. (1) or S.T. (2) .....

10 Name of Scheduled Caste/Tribe .....

11 Literate (1)/Illiterate (2) .....

12 Educational attainment .....

13 Attending school/college, Yes(1)/No(2)

14A Did you work any time at all last year? Yes / No (H/ST/D/R/B/I/O)

(including unpaid work on farm or in family enterprise)

14B If 'Yes' in 14A, did you work for major part of last year? Yes(1)/No(2).....

15A Main activity last year? 'Yes' in 14B (C/AL/HHI/OW) / 'No' in 14B (H/ST/D/R/B/I/O)

If HHI/OW in 15A

(i) Name of establishment .....

(ii) Nature of industry trade or service .....

(iii) Description of work .....

(iv) Class of worker.....

15B 'Yes' in 14B—Any other work any time last year? Yes (C/AL/HHI/OW)/No

'No' in 14B—Work done any time last year? (C/AL/HHI/OW)

If HHI/OW in 15B.

(i) Name of establishment.....

(ii) Nature of industry, trade or service .....

(iii) Description of work.....

(iv) Class of worker.....

16A If 'No' in 14A, seeking/available for work? Yes (1)/No(2).....

16B If 'Yes' in 16A, have you ever worked before? Yes (1)/No(2).....

17A Whether you are an Ex-serviceman? Yes(1)/No(2)..... ☐

17B If 'Yes' in 17A, Pensioner(1)/Non-Pensioner(2)..... ☐

18 Birth place

(a) Place of birth..... ☐☐☐

(b) Rural (1)/Urban (2)..... ☐

(c) District ..... ☐☐☐

(d) State/Country..... ☐☐☐

19 Last residence

(a) Place of last residence..... ☐☐☐

(b) Rural (1)/Urban (2)..... ☐

(c) District..... ☐☐☐

(d) State/Country..... ☐☐☐

20 Reasons for migration from place of last residence (Code)*..... ☐

21 Duration of residence at the village or town of enumeration..... ☐☐☐

22 For all ever-married women only

(a) Age at marriage..... ☐☐

(b) Number of children surviving at present

Male ☐☐ Female ☐☐ Total ☐☐

(c) Number of children ever born alive

Male ☐☐ Female ☐☐ Total ☐☐

23 For currently married women only

Any child born alive during last one year..... ☐

Employment (1) | Business (2) | Education (3) | Family moved (4)

Marriage (5) | Natural calamities like drought, floods, etc. (6) | Others (7)

Location code .....

Serial number of household .....

HOUSEHOLD

Sl. No.	Name	Relationship to head	Sex		Age	Marital status	Mother tongue	Religion	Whether SC(1) or ST(2)	Name of scheduled caste/tribe	Male					
			M	F							Literate	Illiterate	Entry in 14A		Entry in 14B	
													Yes	No	Yes	No
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Total**																

**In the boxes give the total after counting the entries.

	SC	ST
M		
F		
P		

Signature of Enumerator.....