CENSUS OF INDIA

Lessons learnt and the way ahead



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Setting the Context

- History
- Challenges
- Process
- Objectives
- Strategy adopted
- Lessons Learnt
- Way Ahead





HISTORY

- Rig Vedas
- Kautilya
- Ain e Akbari
- East India Company
- 1872- The years 1867-72 were spent in taking a census by the actual counting of heads through a uniform schedule.
 This series, commonly known as the Census of 1872, was not synchronous
- 1881 –The first synchronous Census in India

Challenges

- 1.2 bn population
- 2nd largest in the world



- 2.4% of worlds surface area
- Geographical area of 320 million Sq Kms.
- 0.6 million Villages/7935 Towns



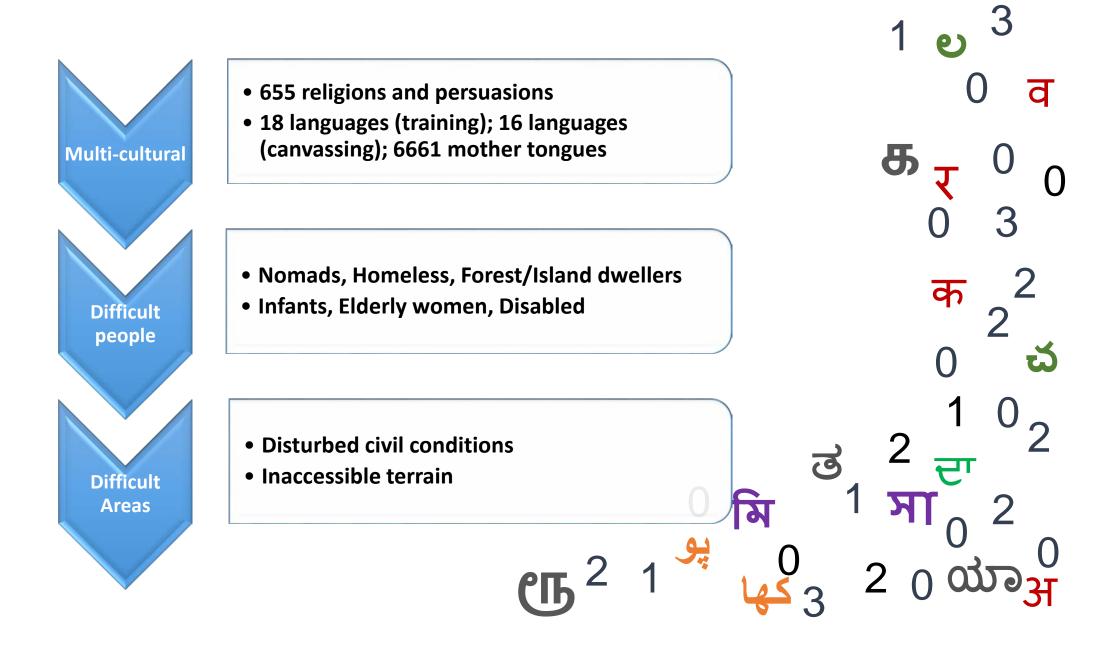
- 4,635 ethnic groups
- 80,000 Segments, Synonyms and Titles



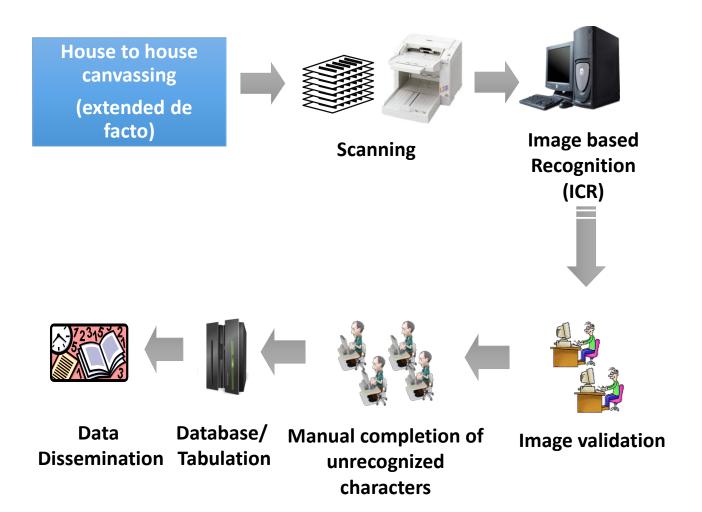


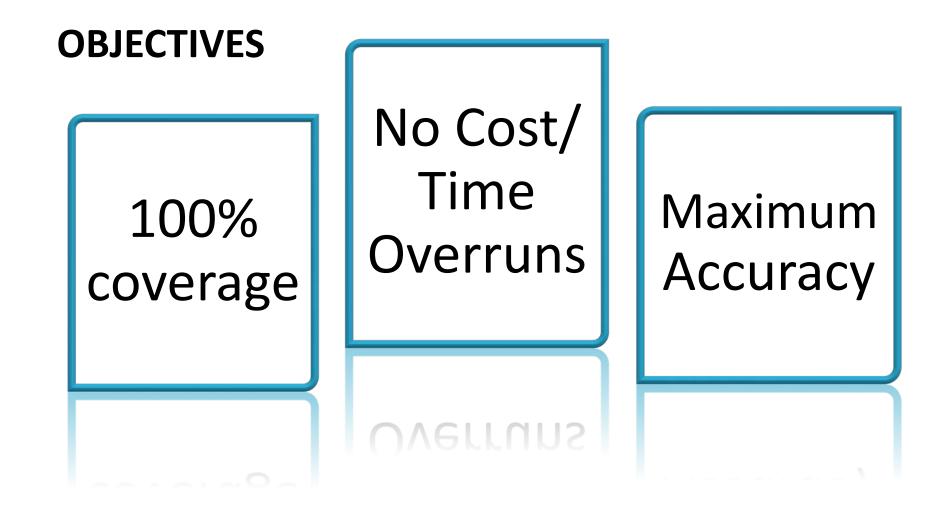


Challenges

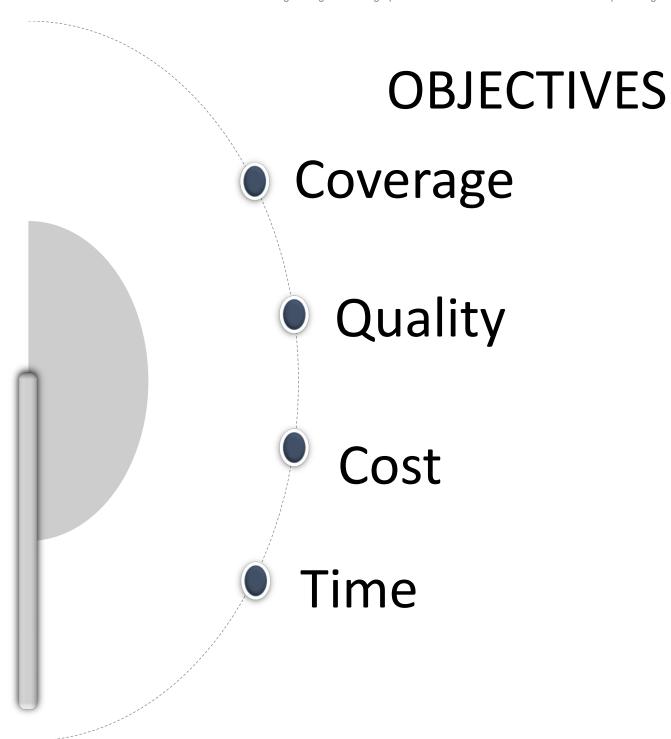


CENSUS 2011 PROCESS





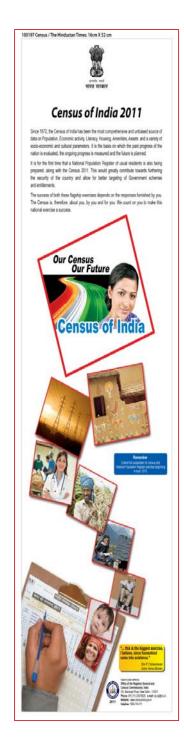
GET IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME!



Coverage - Branding



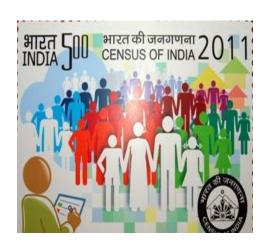




Coverage - Advocacy

- Campaigns using:
 - Mass Media
 - Public Outreach
 - Digital Media
 - Print Ads in 16 languages
 - TVCs and Radio Spots in 12 languages
 - Mascot
 - CommemorativeStamp
 - Local Art Forms









Coverage - DIGITAL MEDIA

Facebook



- Twitter
- Advertisements on websites

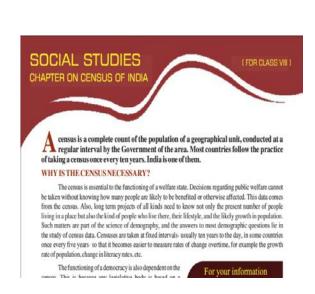


- SMS
- TV Soaps and Sitcoms



COVERAGE - CENSUS IN SCHOOLS

School Kit
Lessons
Assembly Messages
Group Activity
Map Exercises
Quiz Cards





COVERAGE - VULNERABLE GROUPS

- Nomads
- Houseless
- Elderly
- Disabled
- Women
- Infants



Inclusion – fundamental in Census

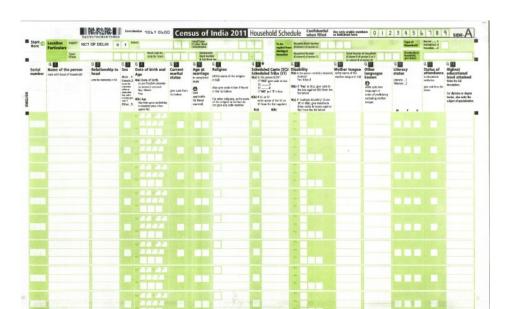
COVERAGE - MODES OF FEEDBACK

- Help Desks
- Toll free helpline number
- Email
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Real time grievance redressal



QUALITY - QUESTIONNAIRE DESIGN & PRINTING

- High quality paper: Standards evolved for Census
- Clear and simple to read & write
- Standard A3 size for scanning
- Colour dropout for ICR
- Unique form number & bar code
- Minimum number of templates
- Left top corner cut for stacking



State of the art techniques-greatly enhanced data processing

QUALITY - LOGISTICS

- 20,000 Charge Locations
- Estimating quantities including language mix
- Delivery of material
- Timely and secure return



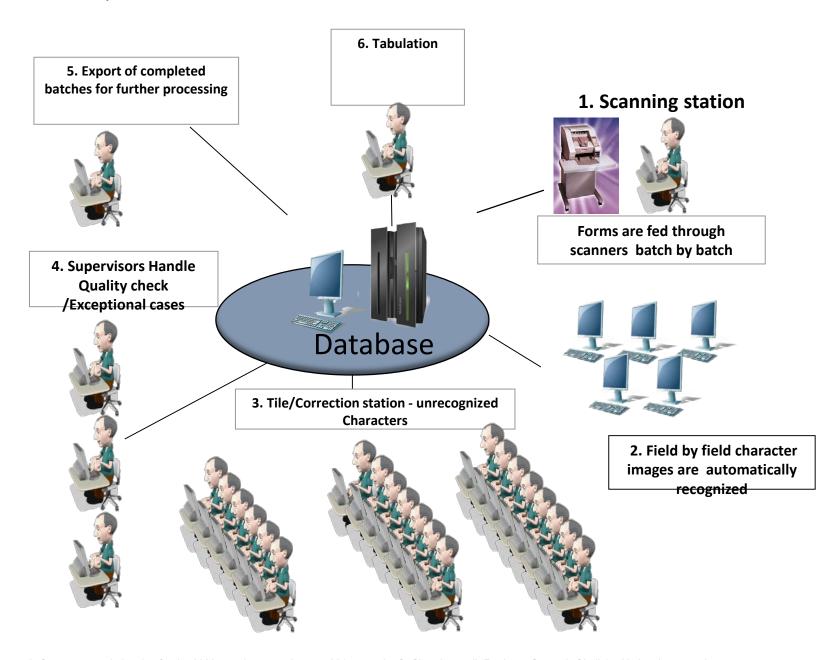


Outsourcing non core activities- a deliberate strategy

LOGISTICS - A KEY SUCCESS **FACTOR Schedules Printed Other Materials** At printed **High-end Presses Charge Officer** 20,000 **Enumerator** 2.5 million

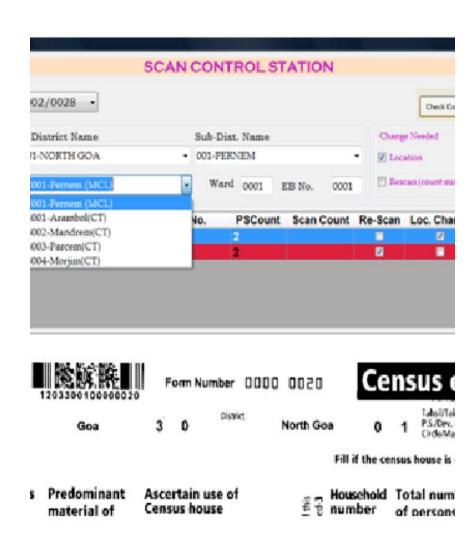
Tracking and Tracing through a customised MIS

QUALITY - DATA PROCESSING



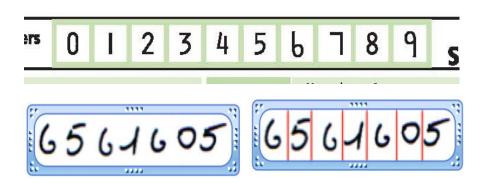
QUALITY - SCANNING

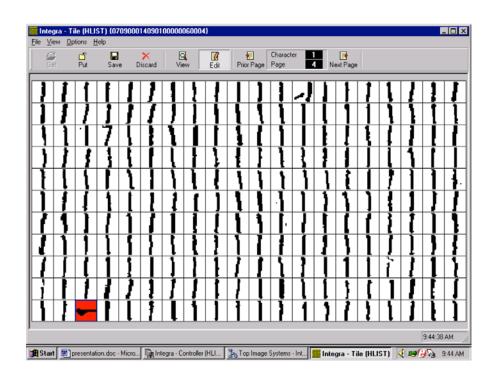
- High speed scanning-1 lakh/day
- Barcode based scan control
- Full archive
- Colour dropout for ICR processing
- De-duplication of images



QUALITY - INTELLIGENT CHARACTER RECOGNITION

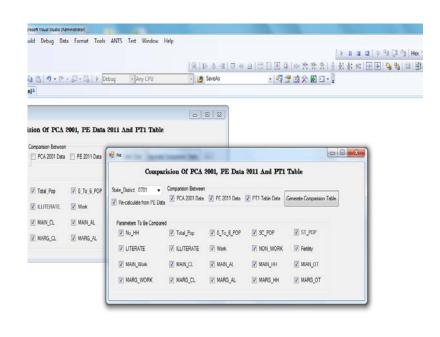
- Eflow Software
- Template matching
- Digit separation
- Software recognition
- Tiling for operator check
- Clearing exceptions

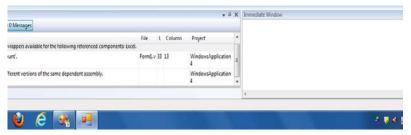




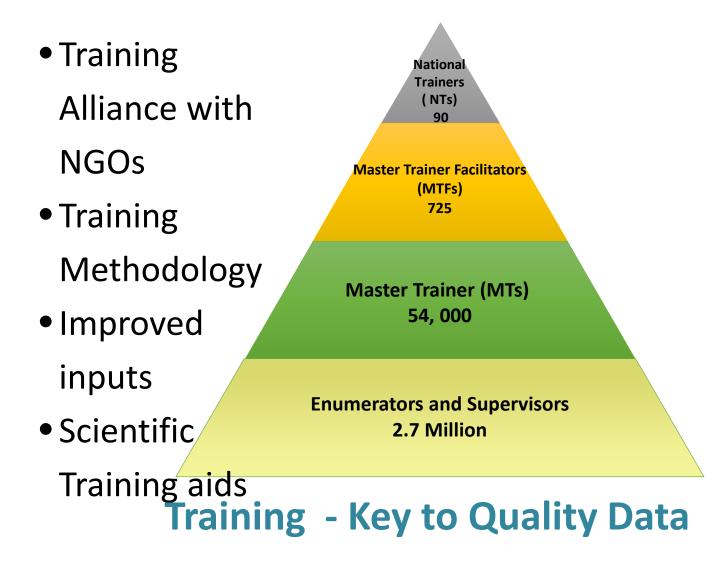
QUALITY - DATA EDITING

- IMPS/ CSPro software
- Coverage checks
- Consistency checks
- Edit rules
- Hot deck/ Cold deck item imputation





QUALITY - TRAINING



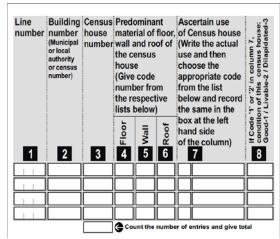
QUALITY - TRAINING CONTENT

- Comprehensive, clear manual in local language
- Online/CD e-learning module
- Hard & soft skills
- Training aids including charts, flash cards etc
- Energizers & mood changers



QUALITY - ICT IN TRAINING

- Instruction Manuals
- Training Guides
- PowerPoint presentations
- e-Learning Modules
- Internet
- Training CDs
- Community Radio
- SMS/Email

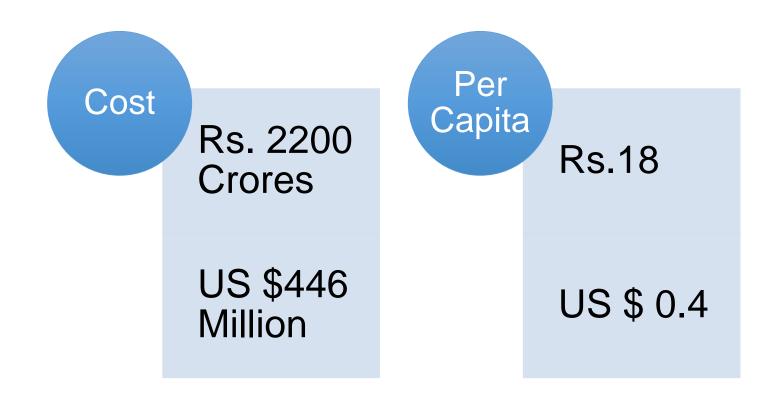




COST - CENSUS 2011

R rationalising the costs of Manpower
A appropriate Technology
T raining Costs
I CT in Supervision/Publicity/Training
O optimization of material requirements
N on-core activities outsourced

COST - CENSUS 2011



TIME

- -Provisional result in one month
- -Housing Census results within one year
- -Final Population Census results in 18 months
- -All major results within 2 years of Census

LEARNINGS

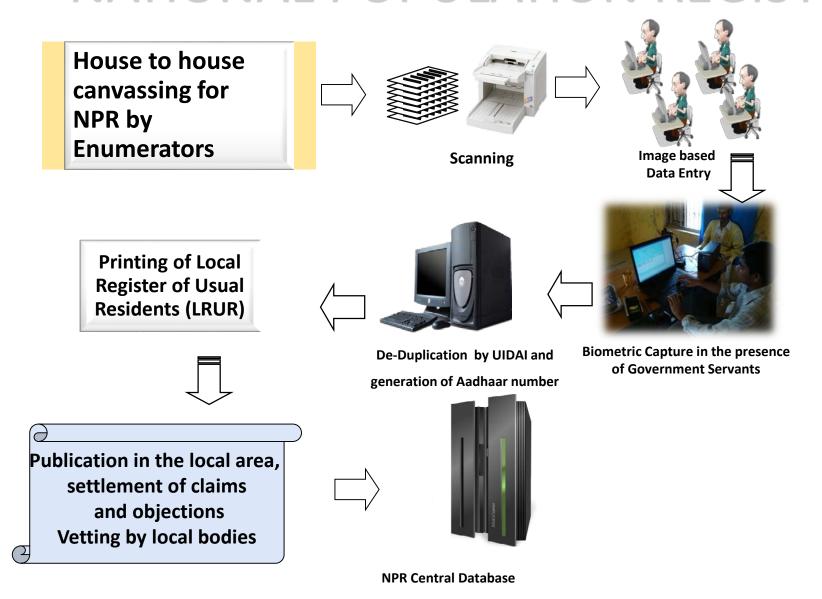
- Manpower –Availability and Costs
- Paper and printing/Delivery- a logistical nightmare
- Data Processing -Growing complexities
- Complete coverage Increasingly difficult
- Rising aspirations Sub-Regionalism
- Language, Religious Minorities and Ethnic Groups Growing intolerance
- Difficult and Isolated areas
- Widespread apathy -Non-cooperation by Respondents
- Inadequate capacity building

WAY FORWARD...

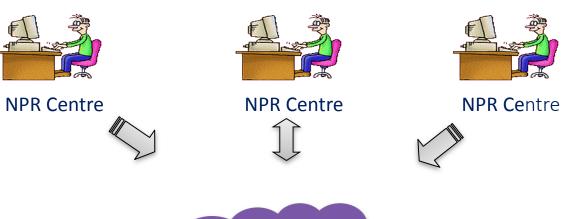
 Register Based Census-National Population Register (NPR)

Electronic Census (Paperless)

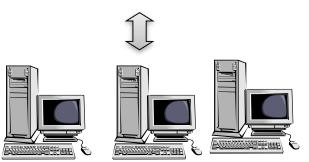
NATIONAL POPULATION REGISTER



DYNAMIC UPDATING







National Data

Centre

Continuous updating through the CRVS- basis for a register based Census

Electronic Data Collection

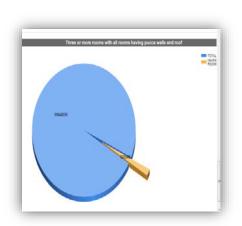
- Socio Economic and Caste
 Census successfully completed
 using handheld Tablets
- Direct Data Entry
- Electronic data directly uploaded from the field
- Dynamic monitoring
- Field Correction
- Instantaneous results
- Completely Paperless

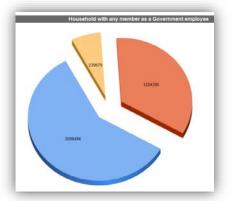


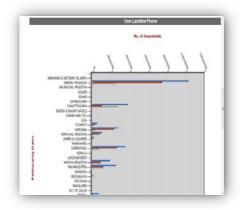
- Weighs 280 grams/7 inch LCD Color Display
- Touch screen/keyboard
- Internet connectivity
- Solar battery chargers
- Price: Less than US \$ 80 per piece

ELECTRONIC CENSUS- A PIONEERING ATTEMPT

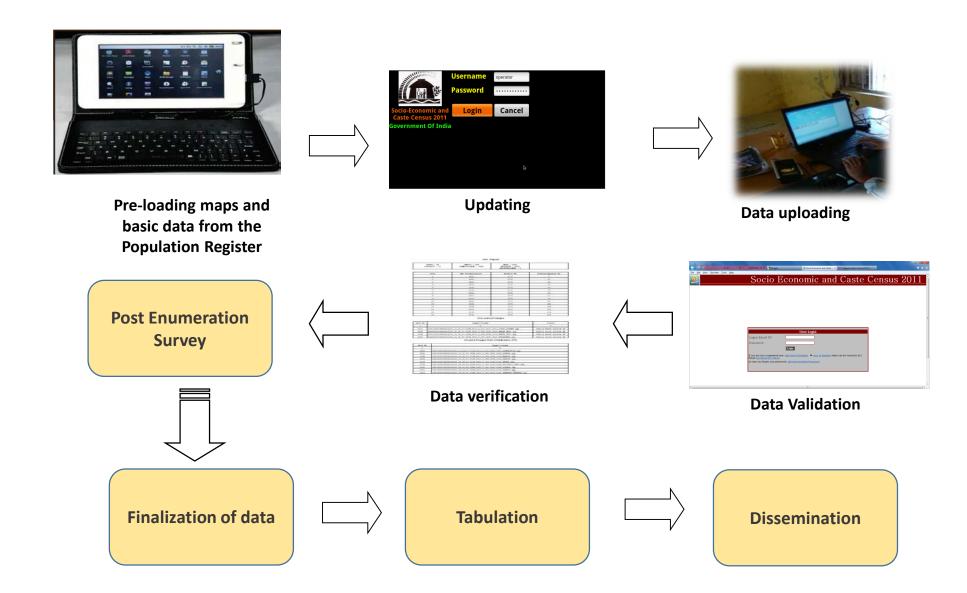








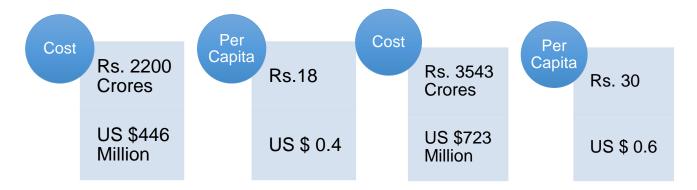
Triumph of Technology!!



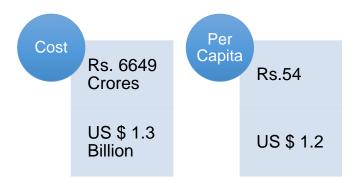
COMPARATIVE COST

Census 2011

SECC 2012



National Population Register



Features of the Proposed Method

- Improved coverage
- Enhanced Quality
- Optimized cost
- Savings in Time
- Quicker Dissemination

Thank You