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THE Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications issues today a special stamp in connection with the Census of Population and Housing in March 1981—the first census to be conducted under the direction of a Presidential Government—in order to draw the attention and secure the co-operation of the general public in a statistical operation of national importance.

The first systematic census of Sri Lanka was taken in 1871, one hundred and ten years ago, when the country was a colony under the British Government. Since then there have been censuses mostly at ten year intervals. The last Census was taken in 1971.

The series of Censuses taken since 1871 have all been carried out under the provisions of a Census Ordinance enacted in 1868 and subsequently amended from time to time. The Census Ordinance casts an obligation on the part of every person to answer to the best of his knowledge and

belief all questions asked in a census. Further it safe-guards the individual by prohibiting the release of any information collected at a census other than for statistical work and making this evidence inadmissible in any civil or criminal proceedings.

Whilst a Population Census represents the totality of the process of collecting, compiling evaluating and publishing demographic and social data at a specified point of time, pertaining to all persons in a country ; a Housing Census deals with the housing units and their characteristics. In Sri Lanka as in many other countries, the Population and Housing censuses are taken concurrently.

A Population census in Sri Lanka is taken in two stages—the Preliminary Census and the Final Census count. At the preliminary stage the particulars of all persons are recorded by enumerators visiting all the dwellings. This operation takes about ten days. At the final count, on a particular day after the preliminary stage, all persons are enumerated where-ever they happened to be between 6 p.m. and 12 midnight.

The Census Schedule provides for the collection of information regarding the name of the individual the age, sex the relationship to the head of household, the civil status, occupation, religion, language, education, birth place and nationality, residence and information relating to infirmities.

This information is essential to study the interaction and inter-relatedness between demographic factors and socio-economic conditions, to evaluate the level of development as measured by educational attainment, standard of living, occupational distribution and sectoral growth. It is also needed for administrative purposes to delimit electorates, to initiate welfare services as health, education etc., It is also useful in policy formulation and implementation. In short, the Census of Population and Housing is the basic demographic and economic measurement which provides the basic facts essential for governmental policy and administration.

The design of the stamp—a map of Sri Lanka with people and houses tries to give the impression of a Census of Population and Housing. In the background there is the Population Pyramid a typical shape for Sri Lankas, age structure, where population is broken into sex and five year age groups. It is broad at the base showing the large population of children and tapers gradually towards the top with increasing age as a result of decreases in population due to deaths until at very old age where very few persons are living.

Technical Details

Date of Issue : 1981.03.02
Value [] : .50 cents
Colours : Green, Grey, Orange &
Black

<i>Designer</i>	: D. D. Hemaratna
<i>Format</i>	: Vertical
<i>Size</i>	: 40 × 32 mm.
<i>Printing Process</i>	: Offset
<i>Sheet Composition</i>	: 100 stamps per Sheet
<i>Printers</i>	: Toppan Printing Co. Ltd., Japan
<i>Paper & Gum</i>	: 104.2 G.S.M. Special Tropical Gum
<i>Quantity Printed</i>	: 500,000

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