



Bihar to have caste census

Why in News?

- In an all-party meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on June 1, 2022, on the issue of caste census, it was unanimously decided that the castes and sub-castes of all religions will be counted in Bihar.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that the purpose of conducting caste-based enumeration is to take people forward so that no one in the state is neglected.
- In response to a question, the Chief Minister said the Central government was requested for a caste census at the national level, but the decision to do it at the state level has been taken after it was refused to be conducted at the national level.
- On August 23, 2021, a delegation led by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar met the Prime Minister and urged him to conduct a caste census in the country, and earlier also a resolution has been passed twice in 2019 and 2020 by the Bihar Assembly to conduct the caste census in the country.
- It may be mentioned that the caste census was last conducted in the year 1931, although the socio-economic caste census was conducted in the year 2011, its caste data was not released by the central government.

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