



Registration of Births and Deaths Act (RBD), 1969

Why in News

Recently, the Centre has proposed amendments to the **Registration of Births and Deaths Act (RBD), 1969**.

- It will enable it to “maintain the database of registered birth and deaths at the national level”.

Repository of data | A look at some of the proposed amendments to the Registration of Births and Deaths Act (RBD), 1969



- One amendment says the Chief Registrar (appointed by the State Government) is to maintain a unified database at the State level and integrate it with the data at the national level, which the Registrar General of India maintains
- If implemented, the Centre could use the data to update the National Population Register

Key Points

- **Registration of Birth and Death:**
 - Registration of Births and Deaths in India is **mandatory with the enactment of Registration of Births and Deaths (RBD), Act 1969** and is done as per the place of occurrence of the event.
 - With a view to **simplify the provisions of various sections** of the existing RBD Act, 1969 and to **make it people friendly**, the amendment has been proposed.
- **Proposed Amendments:**
 - **Chief Registrar to maintain Unified Data:**
 - The **Chief Registrar (appointed by the States)** would maintain a unified database at the State level and integrate it with the data at the “national level,” maintained by the **Registrar General of India (RGI)** (under the Ministry of Home Affairs) .
 - **Presently**, the registration of births and deaths is done by the **local registrar appointed by States**.
 - **Special Sub-Registrars:**

- The appointment of “**Special Sub-Registrars**, in the event of **disaster**, with any or all of his powers and duties for on the spot registration of deaths and issuance of extract thereof, as may be prescribed.”

▪ **Expected Use of the Data:**

- To update the [National Population Register](#) (Citizenship Act, 1955) and the electoral register (Registration of Electors Rules, 1960), and [Aadhaar](#) (Aadhaar Act, 2016), [ration card](#) (National Food Security Act, 2013), passport (Passport Act) and driving licence databases ([Motor Vehicles \(Amendment\) Act, 2019](#)).
- The NPR already has a **database of 119 crore residents** and under the Citizenship Rules, 2003, it is the first step towards the creation of the [National Register of Citizens \(NRC\)](#).
- The **NPR update** and the **first phase of Census** will be conducted simultaneously by the RGI.

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