RGI Directions for the appointment of Census Functionaries

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Why in News?

Recently, the Registrar General of India (RGI) has directed all the states and union territories to complete the appointment of census functionaries for the massive data collection exercise.

- Census functionaries are officers responsible for ***collecting data to carry out the population enumeration process.***
- **Primary Functionaries -** The enumerators and supervisors are the primary census functionaries.
- **Enumerator -** An Enumerator is to be assigned the work of about 700-800 population.
- Besides, there shall be 10% reserve Enumerators and Supervisors for any contingencies.
- According to Rule 3 of the Census Rules (1990), teachers, clerks or any official of a state government and local authority can be appointed as an enumerator.
- **Supervisor -** He will be an officer generally of a rank higher than that of the enumerator and 1 Supervisor is to be engaged for every 6 Enumerators.
- **Additional officers -** In addition, the States will also appoint census officers.
    - In the districts – the district collectors, district magistrates or any nominated officers.
    - In a division – the divisional commissioner.
    - In a municipal corporation – Municipal commissioner and the administrative head of the civic body.

The RGI has developed a web portal i.e, ***Census Management and Monitoring System (CMMS) for Census 2027*** *to manage and monitor all activities of census 2027.*

- **Census 2027, phases — The first**, the House Listing and Housing Census, between April and September 2026.
- **The second**, Population Enumeration (PE), in February 2027.
- **Importance** – The exercise will be digital and will also include caste enumeration as decided by the Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs on April 30.

Registrar General of India
• **Origin –** Created by the government via an executive decision (1949). • **Governing Law –** Operates under the Census Act, 1948, and Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969. • **Parent Ministry –** Functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. • **Role –** *Conducts the Census of India*, manages civil registration (births/deaths), and handles demographic surveys. • **Distinction – *It's a statutory body***, not a *constitutional* one, as its existence and powers are derived from Acts of Parliament, not directly from constitutional articles.

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