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दिनांक:24/04/2026

सेवा में,

निदेशक/प्रभारी निदेशक
परिषद के सभी संस्थान/केन्द्र

महोदय/महोदया,

विभिन्न मंत्रालयों/विभागों से प्राप्त निम्नलिखित पत्र, सूचना एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही के लिए संलग्न है।

क्रम सं.	संदर्भ संख्या एवं दिनांक	मंत्रालय का नाम	विषय
1.	डी.ओ. सं. M-16011/8/2026-YN दिनांक: 12.03.2026	आयुष मंत्रालय, आयुष भवन, नई दिल्ली	अंतर्राष्ट्रीय योग दिवस (IDY)-2026 के उपलक्ष्य में "100 दिवस निःशुल्क लाइव योग सत्र" कार्यक्रम के आयोजन एवं उसमें अधिकारियों/कर्मचारियों की सहभागिता के संबंध में।
2.	ओ.एम. सं. F-23015/01/2021-PIMD-Part(1) (E-37078) दिनांक: 23.03.2026	सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय, राष्ट्रीय सांख्यिकी कार्यालय (प्रशासनिक सांख्यिकी और नीति प्रभाग, नई दिल्ली)	विभिन्न सरकारी सर्वेक्षणों, जनगणना एवं प्रशासनिक स्रोतों में कच्चा/पक्का/अर्ध-पक्का मकानों की परिभाषाओं के समन्वयन (Harmonization) के संबंध में।

भवदीय,

Digitally signed by

Jaibir Singh

(जयबीर सिंह) 11/01/2026

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Fwd: DO Letter from Secretary, Ministry of Ayush.

2 emails

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Subject: DO Letter from Secretary, Ministry of Ayush.

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Kind Attention office of Secretary:

Sir/ Madam, I am directed to forward a DO Letter from Secretary, Ministry of Ayush. PFA

With regards,

O/o Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, Ayush Bhawan, Block 'B', GPO Complex, New Delhi. Ph. 011-261150, 24651951(F)

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Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha

Secretary



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D.O.No.M-16011/8/2026-YN

12th March, 2026

Dear Colleague,

As you are aware, International Day of Yoga (IDY) has emerged as a global movement promoting holistic health, well-being, and preventive healthcare. In the run-up to the 12th International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2026, Ministry of Ayush is undertaking several initiatives to promote mass participation and awareness of Yoga across the country.

In this regard, Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), an autonomous organization under Ministry of Ayush, is entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Habuild Health Tech Private Limited to conduct "100 Days Free Live Yoga Sessions" for the public. This initiative is a part of the Ministry's *Yoga 365 campaign*, to promote Yoga as a national movement and integrate it into the daily lives of individuals, 365 days a year.

As part of this initiative, participants will be able to enroll in 14-day structured Yoga practice challenges, conducted through live sessions led by experts from MDNIY and Habuild Health Tech Private Limited. Multiple such 14-day slots will be organized during the 100-day period to facilitate participation of a large number of individuals. The sessions will be broadcast through the official YouTube platform of Ministry of Ayush to enable wide outreach and accessibility.

The initiative will culminate in a large-scale online Yoga event aimed at attempting a World Record, tentatively proposed to be held on 27th May 2026, in the run-up to the International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2026.

In view of the above, I would request you to encourage officers and staff members of your Ministry/Department and its attached and subordinate offices to actively participate in the live Yoga sessions under this initiative by registering at the link specifically created for each Ministry, as per enclosed excel sheet or by calling at dedicated Toll Free number: 18003157008. Their participation will not only contribute to their own health and well-being but also strengthen the nationwide celebration of International Day of Yoga, 2026.

Your support in disseminating information about this initiative widely within your Ministry/Department would be highly appreciated.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Encl: As above

(Rajesh Kotecha)

To,

All Secretaries of all Ministries/ Departments, Government of India

Fwd: Adoption of Harmonized Definitions of Pucca / Semi-Pucca / Kutcha Houses

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Mon, 23 Mar 2026 4:32:54 PM +0530

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Date 26/3/26

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Subject: Fwd: Adoption of Harmonized Definitions of Pucca / Semi-Pucca / Kutcha Houses
===== Forwarded message =====

Sir/Madam,

Reference is invited to our OM dated 16.12.2025 regarding harmonization of divergences in the definition of Kutcha/Pucca Houses emerging from various Surveys, Censuses and other administrative data Sources in Government of India.

2. Accordingly, the definitions of Pucca, Semi-Pucca and Kutcha houses, along with the classification of roof, wall and floor materials, have been reconciled after consultations with the concerned stakeholder Ministries/Departments/Organizations, including the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

3. In this regard, the undersigned is directed to forward the Office Memorandum of this Ministry dated 23rd March 2026, clarifying definition of bamboo treated with preservatives.

4. It is requested that all the stakeholder Ministries/Departments/Organizations adopt the criteria for classifying bamboo treated with preservatives to ensure consistencies in the datasets produced across the country.

सादर धन्यवाद / Thanking with Regards

Himanchali Rana

Deputy Director

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Date: Tue, 16 Dec 2025 17:45:57 +0530

Subject: Adoption of Harmonized Definitions of Pucca / Semi-Pucca / Kutcha Houses

===== Forwarded message =====

Sir/Madam,

Synchronization of data and datasets collected and disseminated by the Central Ministries/ Departments/Organizations and State administrative Departments/Organizations has been a long-felt need in the National Statistical System. In this regard, attention is invited to Principle 3 of the United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (UNFPOS), adopted by the Government of India in 2016, which emphasizes facilitating correct interpretation of data through the application of scientific standards relating to sources, methods, and procedures.

2. Accordingly, the definitions of Pucca, Semi-Pucca and Kutcha houses, along with the classification of roof, wall and floor materials, have been reconciled after consultations with the concerned stakeholder Ministries/Departments/Organizations, including the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), and have been approved by the National Statistical Commission (NSC). In this context, bamboo treated with preservatives has been classified as a pucca material, while raw bamboo continues to be treated as kutcha. All stakeholder Ministries/ Departments/Organizations are requested to adopt these harmonized definitions with immediate effect to ensure consistency in housing-related datasets.

3. In this regard, the undersigned is directed to forward the Office Memorandum of this Ministry dated 16th December 2025 for your kind perusal and necessary action.

सादर धन्यवाद / Thanking with Regards

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6. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Encl: As Above.


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Office Memorandum

Subject: Reconciliation of divergent definitions of Pucca/Semi Pucca/Kutchra Housing Structure used by different Government Agencies

Synchronization of data/datasets collected and disseminated by the Central Ministry/Departments/Organizations, and State administrative Departments/Organizations, has been a long felt need in the National Statistics Office.

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3. Reference is also invited to letter no. F-23015/61/2024-ASPD dated 03.01.2025 on *Mechanism for reconciliation of divergent datasets* vide which it was requested that Ministry/Departments may refer matters of definitional divergences in concepts that are being used in surveys/ censuses and datasets for action as appropriate.

4. Some time back this Ministry received a reference from NITI Aayog requesting to reconcile the definitional divergences in the definition of kutchra/pucca houses between NFHS and NSS surveys and Population Census. In addition, the communication of the NITI Aayog, also placed on record the request of State of Nagaland that houses made of bamboo may not be considered as kutchra house.

5. In this regard, it was observed that five government agencies viz. NSS, MoH&FW, MoRD, MoHUA and ORGI follow different definitions of a Pucca/Semi Pucca/Kutchra Structure. Hence, after several meetings with the stakeholder Ministries/Departments/Organizations including Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) the definition of the Pucca/Semi-Pucca/Kutchra structure along with the list of materials classifying Roof/Wall/Floor as Pucca/Kutchra have been reconciled and the same have been approved by the National Statistical Commission (NSC).

6. Accordingly, the approved standard definitions of the Pucca/Semi Pucca/Kutchra Houses for the surveys/census etc. are as under:

- a) Pucca: Both roof and walls made of pucca materials.
- b) Semi-Pucca: Either roof or wall made of kutchra material.
- c) Kutchra: Both roof and walls made of kutchra materials.

7. Further, the list of building materials classifying Roof/Wall/Floor as Pucca/Kutchra are attached at Annexure.

8. In case of Bamboo as the building material for houses, NSC accepted the recommendation that Bamboo treated with preservatives to be classified as a Pucca material for use in roofs and walls, while raw bamboo will continue to be treated as a Kutchra material for the same.

9. It is requested that all the stakeholder Ministries/Departments/Organizations adopt the above harmonized definitions to ensure consistencies in the datasets produced across the country.

10. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Encl: As above



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Annexure

Roof		Walls		Floor ¹	
Pucca	Kutcha	Pucca	Kutcha	Pucca	Kutcha
Reinforced Cement Concrete (RCC)	Thatch/Palm Leaf or leaves	Reinforced Cement Concrete (RCC)	Cane/Palm/Trunks	Brick	Mud/Clay/Earth
Precast concrete	Reed/Grass	Cement, Concrete, Cement Bricks, Cement Blocks Concrete blocks, ACC blocks, Lime blocks	Mud	Stone	Sand
Reinforced Brick Concrete (RBC)	Mud	Precast Concrete Stone Masonry Block	Grass/Reeds/Thatch	Parquet or Polished Wood	Raw Wood planks
Cement, Concrete, Cement Bricks	Plastic/Polythene/Tarpaulin	Burnt Bricks, Burnt clay brick, Fly ash brick, Calcium silicate bricks, Hollow brick and blocks, Clay fly ash brick, Stabilized soil blocks	Raw Bamboo	Vinyl or Asphalt	Palm
Stone, Limestone, Sandstone, Stone slab	Palm	Stone with lime/cement mortar, Laterite stone block, Granite, Limestone, Sandstone	Cardboard Unburnt Brick	Ceramic Tiles	Dung

¹ Floor is relied by MoHFW as one of the components for deciding pucca houses in NFHS as the same is in consensus with the Demographic and Health Survey (DHS).

Slate, Tiles, Roofing Slate Tiles, Mangalore Tiles, Clay roofing tiles, Clay roofing country tiles, Hollow clay tiles	Unburnt Brick	Wood Planks/Shingles	Stone not packed with mortar	Cement	
Burnt brick	Loosely Packed Stone	Wooden Board	Stone With Mud	Carpet	
Roofing shingles	Raw woods planks	Plywood	Plastic/polythene	Polished Stone/Marble	
Sheets, Asbestos sheets, Fiber cement sheets, Cement roofing sheets, Bamboo mat sheets	Rustic Mat	G.I/metal/asbestos sheets, Galvanized steel sheets, Corrugated aluminum sheets, Fiber cement sheets, Cement roofing sheets, Bamboo mat sheets, Sandwich Panel		Granite	
Calamine	Sod/Mud and Grass Mixture	Bamboo treated with Preservatives			
Metal/GI, Galvanized steel sheets, Corrugated aluminum sheets	Raw Bamboo				
Wood/Timber/Bamboo treated with Preservatives	Handmade Tiles				

Fwd: Adoption of Harmonized Definitions of Pucca / Semi-Pucca / Kutcha Houses

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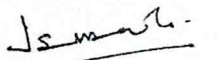
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