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1. Name and address of the organisation responsible for the last census:

Census and Surveys Department, Central Statistics Office, Ansari Watt, Kabul.

2. Population censuses conducted since 1945 (years):

1979. The present description relates therefore to this population census, but reference is also made to the next census (cf. para. 9).

3. Coverage of the census:

(a) *Geographical scope:* Whole country, except about 34 per cent of rural areas.

(b) *Persons covered:* All persons of all ages, except foreign residents and nomads.

4. Reference period:

The reference period used when asking questions on the economically active population, employment and unemployment is a short period, i.e. the week preceding the date of the census.

5. Main topics:

(a) Total population, by sex and age:	yes
(b) Economically active population, by sex and age group:	yes
(c) Economically active population, by industry and by sex:	yes
(d) Economically active population, by occupation and by sex:	yes
(e) Economically active population, by status in employment and by sex:	no
(f) Hours of work:	no
(g) Other information collected relating to persons' economic activity:	no

Re. (a) The age is defined in terms of age at last birthday.

6. Concepts and definitions:

(a) *Economically active population:* It comprises all persons aged 8 to 59 years (except those mentioned under 3 (b) above) who, during the reference week, were either employed or unemployed, according to the definitions given below. Armed forces are not covered.

(b) *Employment:* Considered as "employed" are all persons aged 8 to 59 years (except those mentioned under 6 (a) above) who, during the reference week, performed any work of an economic value, at home or out of home. Also included are the following categories:

- (i) persons doing unpaid work in family firm or business;
- (ii) persons engaged in the production of primary products for own consumption;
- (iii) employed persons, temporarily absent from work;
- (iv) seasonal or occasional workers.

None of the above categories can be identified separately.

(c) *Unemployment:* Considered as "unemployed" are all persons aged 8 to 59 years (except those mentioned under 6 (a) above) who, during the reference week, were without work and seeking work.

7. Classifications used:

Only employed persons are classified by industry. Both employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed are classified by occupation. Apparently, no classification by status in employment was used.

(a) *Industry:* The specific questions asked of employed persons to determine industry group relates to place of work. For coding industry, the International Standard Industrial Classi-

fication of all Economic Activities (ISIC-68, rev. 2) has been used to the major division (1-digit) level.

(b) *Occupation*: The specific questions asked both of employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed to determine occupation group relate to the type of work performed during the reference week or last performed. For coding occupation, the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-68) has been used to the major group (1-digit) level.

(c) *Status in employment*: No classification by status in employment seems to have been used.

8. The previous population censuses:

No population census was conducted since 1945 prior to that of 1979.

9. The next population census:

A population census is planned during the period 1989-95. However, the date of this census is not yet decided and it is not yet known whether or not data will be collected about the economically active population and its component groups.