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

Department of Immigration and Census, Ministry of Home Affairs, Thimphu.

2. Population censuses conducted since 1945 (years):

1980. The present description therefore relates 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.

(b) *Persons covered:* All persons of all ages.

4. Reference period:

The reference period used when asking questions on the economically active population and employment is a long period, i.e. the year prior to the census.

5. Main topics:

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| (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: | no |
| (d) Economically active population, by occupation and by sex: | no |
| (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 year of birth.

6. Concepts and definitions:

(a) *Economically active population:* It comprises all persons aged 15 to 64 years who, during the reference period, were usually employed, according to the definition given below. First-job seekers and persons waiting to start a new job after the date of the census are considered as economically inactive.

(b) *Employment:* Considered as "employed" are all persons aged 15 to 64 years who, during the reference period, usually 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;
- (v) conscripts for military/civilian service;
- (vi) multiple job holders;
- (vii) apprentices and trainees.

None of the above categories can be identified separately.

7. Classifications used:

No classification by industry, by occupation and by status in employment was made.

(a) *Industry:* See 7. above.

(b) *Occupation:* See 7. above.

(c) *Status in employment:* See 7. above.

8. **The previous population censuses:**

No population census was carried out since 1945 prior to the 1980.

9. **The next population census:**

It is planned for 1990 and will collect information about the economically active population and employment.

It is not yet decided whether or not the same questions and reference period will be used to determine and describe the economically active population and employment.