CONCEPTS & DEFINITIONS

**Premises:**
Premises has been defined as a building along with the land and/or common places attached to it. A premises may not always have a compound wall or fencing. In such cases, the land or the common place as the case may be, available to the household is treated as ‘Premises’.

**Building:**
A ‘building’ is generally a single structure on the ground. Usually a building will have four walls and a roof. However, in some areas, the very nature of construction of building is such that there are no walls as in the case of khasal structures. Such khasal structures are also treated as buildings. Sometimes, it is made up of more than one component unit which are used or likely to be used as dwelling (residence) or establishment such as shops, business houses, offices, factories, workshops, schools, places of entertainment, places of worship, godowns, stores etc. It is also possible that buildings which have component units are used for a combination of purposes such as shop/residence, workshop/residence, office/residence, residence/doctor’s clinic, etc.

**Household:**
A ‘household’ in Census is defined as a group of persons who normally live together and take their meals from a common kitchen unless the exigencies of work prevents any of them from doing so. The persons in a household may be related or unrelated or a mix of both. However, if a group of unrelated persons live in a Census house but do not take their meals from the common kitchen, they are not considered a part of a common household. Each such person is treated as a separate household.

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**CENSUS HOUSE**

A ‘Census house’ is a building or part of a building used or recognized as a separate unit because it has a separate main entrance from the road or common courtyard or drain etc. These may be occupied or vacant and may be used for residential or non-residential purposes or both. The following codes were used to record the various uses of Census houses for Census 2011.

Use of Census House, Madhya Pradesh, 2011

- **Residence, 01:**
  - House of government officers
  - House of government officials
  - House of government servants

- **Other non-residential use, 10:**
  - Shop Office, 1.5
  - School College etc., 2.1
  - Shop etc., 2.2
  - Office etc., 2.3
  - Residence cum office, 2.4
  - Government/Hospital etc., 2.5
  - Police, 2.6
  - Dispensary, 2.7
  - Other non-residential, 2.8

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**Notes:**

1. The sum of percentages may not add up to total due to rounding off.
2. For detailed rates, please refer to the new publication on "Houses No Residences, Household Amenities and Assets" 2011.