



**HOUSE OF COMMONS**

LONDON SW1A 0AA

5<sup>th</sup> December, 2018

*Dear Prime Minister,*

**Census 2021 : request for inclusion of a dedicated Nepali entry**

I write to offer my support for the request contained in this Petition to include a dedicated Nepali entry on the forthcoming Census 2021 form.

The constituency of Aldershot, which I am privileged to represent in Parliament, is home to approximately 10% of the total UK Nepali population. However, despite efforts of local organisations to undertake detailed recordings, the true number of Nepali people residing in the UK is not known. A Nepali entry on Census 2021 would collect valuable data which would allow both the public and voluntary sectors to provide and deliver better and more effective local services.

The Nepali community in Aldershot is thriving and much valued, and I am aware how important it is for them to be able to identify themselves in this way both locally and nationally. I should be grateful for sympathetic consideration of their request.

*Yours faithfully*

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