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1. Name and address of the organisation responsible for the last census:
   Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), Ministry of Planning, P.O. Box 8001, Bagdad.

2. Population censuses conducted since 1945 (years):
   1947, 1957, 1965, 1977 and 1987. The present description relates mainly to the 1987 population census, but reference is also made to earlier censuses (cf. para. 8), as well as 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, employment and unemployment is a short period, i.e. the week preceding the day 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: yes
   (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 7 years and over who, during the reference period, were either employed or unemployed, according to the definitions given below. Armed forces are included in the definition.
   (b) Employment: Considered as "employed" are all persons aged 7 years and over who, during the reference period, 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) employed persons, temporarily absent from work;
      (iii) working students with a part time job;
      (iv) seasonal or occasional workers;
      (v) conscripts for military/civilian service;
      (vi) multiple job holders.
   Only persons belonging to categories (i) and (iii) can be identified separately. Multiple job holders were only asked about their main occupation.
   (c) Unemployment: Considered as "unemployed" are all persons aged 7 years and over who, during the reference period, were without work and seeking work.

7. Classifications used:
   Both employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed are classified by industry, by occupation and by status in employment.
   (a) Industry: Employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed were asked questions on the industry, enterprise or business in which they currently work or previously
worked to determine industry group. For coding industry, the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC-68, rev. 2) has been used to the group (4-digit) level.

(b) Occupation: Questions were asked both of employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed on their current and previous occupation to determine occupation group. For coding occupation, the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-68) has been used to the unit group level.

(c) Status in employment: A specific question was asked both of employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed to determine their status in employment such as: self-employed, employer, employee, unpaid family worker etc.

8. The previous population censuses:

Essentially, the same questions and reference period were used to determine and describe the economically active population and its component groups.

9. The next population census:

It is not planned to carry out a population census during the period 1989-95.