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***Manipulation of the Government Statistics: Evidence
from Nagaland***

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Abstract

In 2011, after two decades of exceptionally high population growth Nagaland became the first state in independent India to register a contraction in population. This demographic somersault took place in absence of natural calamities, wars, famines, epidemiological diseases, and changes in the socioeconomic determinants of fertility. This paper examines the quality of Nagaland's census for the 1971-2011 period and estimates the discrepancy in headcounts. The paper draws attention to the political economic context of erroneous headcounts. The findings question the reliability of India's government statistics, especially, in case of underdeveloped and conflict-ridden areas.

**This is an ongoing work with Dr Vikas Kumar, who teaches economics at Azim Premji University, Bangalore.*