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VZCZCXRO8063 OO RUEHBI RUEHCI RUEHLH RUEHPW DE RUEHNE #2910 1181130 ZNR UUUUU ZZH O 281130Z APR 06 FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3123 INFO RUEHBJ/AMEMBASSY BEIJING 1695 RUEHLM/AMEMBASSY COLOMBO 4953 RUEHKA/AMEMBASSY DHAKA 4984 RUEHIL/AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD 7947 RUEHKT/AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU 5644 RUEHMO/AMEMBASSY MOSCOW 8073 RUEHKO/AMEMBASSY TOKYO 3165 RUEHCI/AMCONSUL CALCUTTA 3442 RUEHCG/AMCONSUL CHENNAI 3335 RUEHKP/AMCONSUL KARACHI 3582 RUEHLH/AMCONSUL LAHORE 2484 RUEHBI/AMCONSUL MUMBAI 2607 RUEHPW/AMCONSUL PESHAWAR 3140 RHEHNSC/NSC WASHDC RUEIDN/DNI WASHINGTON DC RHHMUNA/CDR USPACOM HONOLULU HI RUCNDT/USMISSION USUN NEW YORK 0415 RHMFISS/HQ USCENTCOM MACDILL AFB FL RUEHGV/USMISSION GENEVA 2672 RHHMUNA/HQ USPACOM HONOLULU HI RHMFISS/HQ USSOCOM MACDILL AFB FL RUEKJCS/JOINT STAFF WASHDC

 UNCLAS NEW DELHI 002910 SIPDIS SIPDIS E.O. 12958: N/A TAGS: PGOV PHUM PREF IN BT NP SUBJECT: BHUTANESE CENSUS RELEASED, GROSS NATIONAL HAPPINESS INDICATORS HIGH [Â¶](http://www.bhutan-research.org/us-diplomatic-cables-on-bhutan/06newdelhi2910#par1) 1. (U) Bhutan released the results of its May 2005 census on April 27, listing the total population of the country at 672,425, roughly the same population as Baltimore City, Maryland. The census included all residents, regardless of nationality, who were present in Bhutan on May 30 and 31, [Â¶](http://www.bhutan-research.org/us-diplomatic-cables-on-bhutan/06newdelhi2910%22%20%5Cl%20%22par2005) 2005. Questioned on their state of happiness, the population responded that 45.2 percent are "very happy," 51.6 percent are "happy," and only 3.3 percent are "not very happy," suggesting Bhutan is meeting its goal of achieving "Gross National Happiness (GNH)." [Â¶](http://www.bhutan-research.org/us-diplomatic-cables-on-bhutan/06newdelhi2910#par2) 2. (U) Happiness is slightly higher in urban areas with only 2.7 percent of the population indicating they were "not very happy," while rural percentage was 3.5. The urban-rural breakdown is 30.9 and 69.1 percent respectively. [Â¶](http://www.bhutan-research.org/us-diplomatic-cables-on-bhutan/06newdelhi2910#par3) 3. (U) Note: No detailed information on population by religion, ethnicity or nationality is currently available on the RGOB website. We have contacted the RGOB asking for the full census report. End Note. [Â¶](http://www.bhutan-research.org/us-diplomatic-cables-on-bhutan/06newdelhi2910#par4) 4. (U) For more on the Bhutanese Census, including information on households by type of toilet and roofing material, visit www.bhutancensus.gov.bt. [Â¶](http://www.bhutan-research.org/us-diplomatic-cables-on-bhutan/06newdelhi2910#par5) 5. (U) Visit New Delhi's Classified Website: (http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/sa/newdelhi/) BLAKE