1. Name and address of the organisation responsible for the last census:

Census Survey and Computer Division, Immigration and Manpower Department, No. 416, Maha Bandoola St., Yangon.

2. Population censuses conducted since 1945 (years):

1953 (selected areas), 1973 and 1983. The present description relates mainly to the 1983 population census of Myanmar (formerly Burma), 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 permanently residing in the Union of Myanmar at the date of the census, including inmates of institutions, moving populations, foreigners, armed services personnel and persons temporarily abroad, but excluding foreign diplomatic personnel and their families.

4. Reference period:

Both short and long reference periods are used when asking questions on the economically active population, employment and unemployment, i.e. the 14 days prior to the day of the census and a year before the census day.

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 age at last birthday.

6. Concepts and definitions:

(a) Economically active population: It comprises all persons aged 10 years and over who, at the time of the census, were either employed or unemployed, according to the definitions given below. Questions relating to person's economic activity are asked of a 20 per cent sample. The definition also includes armed forces, but excludes Buddhist monks and nuns.

(b) Employment: Considered as "employed" are all persons aged 10 years and over in the sample (except those mentioned under 6 (a) above) who, during the short reference period, performed any work of an economic value, at home or out of home. The question used to determine if a person is to be counted as employed is "Did you work during the last 14 days?". Also included are the following categories:

(i) persons doing unpaid work in family firm or business;
(ii) employed persons, temporarily absent from work;
(iii) seasonal or occasional workers;
(iv) conscripts for military/civilian service;
(v) multiple job holders.

None of the above categories can be identified separately. Seasonal workers who were not working during the specified 14 days are excluded from the definition.
(c) **Unemployment:** Considered as "unemployed" are all persons aged 10 years and over in the sample (except those mentioned under 6 (a) above) who, during the short reference period, were without work and seeking work and those who, during the past year, were most of the time without work but available for work.

7. **Classifications used:**

Only employed persons in the sample are classified by industry, by occupation and by status in employment.

(a) **Industry:** The specific question asked of employed persons in the sample to determine industry group is "What is the type of industry for which you are working?". For coding industry, the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC-68, rev. 2) has been used to the major group (3-digit) level; however, modifications were made to suit the requirements of the Union of Myanmar.

(b) **Occupation:** The specific question asked of employed persons in the sample to determine occupation group is "What is or what was your occupation during the past 14 days?". For coding occupation, the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-68) has been used to the unit group (3-digit) level; however, modifications were made to suit the requirements of the Union of Myanmar.

(c) **Status in employment:** The specific question asked of employed persons in the sample to determine their status in employment is "What is/was your employment status?". For coding status in employment 7 groups were used, namely: employer; own-account worker; employee (private); employee (co-operative); employee (government); unpaid family worker; worker in Party and Peasants' and Workers' organisations.

8. **The previous population censuses:**

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

9. **The next population census:**

It is planned for 1990 and will collect information about the economically active population and its components.

The same questions and reference periods are likely to be used to determine and describe the economically active population and its component groups.