

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOKSABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 531
TO BE ANSWERED ON – 9TH DECEMBER, 2022**

POPULATION CONTROL

**531. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:
SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:
SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN VAJESINGBHAI:
SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:**

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study to ascertain the fact that India is likely to be the most populous country in the world by 2027 as per the United Nations and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any new strategy for controlling the population explosion and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government to check the disproportionate growth of population;
- (d) whether the Government plans to implement the one or two child family planning policy to control the population growth; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (e) As per the Report of the Technical Group on Population Projections (TGPP) July 2020, chaired by Registrar General of India (RGI), the projected population of the country, in the year 2027 is 1.436 billion.

The Government accords top priority to the National Family Planning Program, which is guided by the tenets of the National Population Policy 2000 and National Health Policy 2017 to address the unmet need for Family Planning.

Steps taken by the Government:

1. **Expanded Contraceptive Choices:** The current contraceptive basket is expanded with inclusion of new contraceptives namely Injectable contraceptive and Centchroman (Chhaya).
2. **Mission Parivar Vikas** is implemented in 13 states for substantially increasing access to contraceptives and family planning services.
3. **Compensation scheme for sterilization acceptors** which provides compensation for loss of wages to the beneficiaries for sterilization.
4. **Post-pregnancy contraception** in the form of Post-partum Intra-uterine contraceptive device (PPIUCD), Post-Abortion Intrauterine contraceptive device (PAIUCD), and Post-partum Sterilization (PPS) are provided to beneficiaries.
5. **‘World Population Day & Fortnight’ and ‘Vasectomy Fortnight’** are observed every year to boost awareness on Family Planning and service delivery across all States/ UTs.
6. Under **Home Delivery of contraceptives Scheme** ASHAs deliver contraceptives at doorstep of beneficiaries.
7. **Family Planning Logistics Management Information System (FP-LMIS)** is in place to ensure last mile availability of family planning commodities across all the levels of health facilities.

Efforts of the Government have been successful in reining in the growth of population, and the following progress has been achieved:

- The Total Fertility Rate (TFR) declined to **2.0 in 2019-21** (NFHS 5) which is below replacement level.
- **31 out of 36 States/ UTs** have achieved replacement level fertility (NFHS 5).
- The **Modern Contraceptive usage** has increased to **56.5%** (NFHS 5).
- The **Unmet Need for Family Planning** has reduced to **9.4%** (NFHS 5).
- The **Crude Birth Rate (CBR)** has declined to **19.5** in 2020 (SRS).
