

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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GROWTH OF POPULATION OF MINORITIES
MINATISEN

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of population growth in India which is increasing rapidly in comparison with last decade;
- (b) if so, the detailed position in respect of minorities and reasons for their rapid growth; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government to check the population growth?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) The growth rate of population during 1981-91 as observed in 1991 census has declined to 2.14% per annum from 2.22% during 1971-81 as observed in 1981 census. The natural growth rate of population (birth rate minus death rate) during 1998 is 1.74% as per the estimates of Sample Registration System (SRS) by Registrar General, India.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Following actions are being taken by the Government to check the population growth:

(i) Propagation of Family planning methods which include sterilisation both for male and female, spacing methods namely, IUD insertions, oral pills and condoms;

(ii) Fulfillment of unmet needs of contraceptives through provision of integrated service delivery at village level:

(iii) Information, Education and Communication Programme to create awareness about the benefits of small family:

(iv) Provision of additional inputs in weaker States/districts