

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to popularise one-child norm to check the increase in population in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the other alternative measures being made by the Government to control the explosive increase in the population?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government of India has adopted the National Population Policy, 2000 (NPP 2000) which provides a multi-sectoral agenda for population stabilization within the country. The NPP 2000 enumerates 14 national demographic goals, sought to be achieved by 2010. The NPP 2000 sees as its immediate objective a focus upon addressing the unmet needs for contraceptives, health care infrastructure, and health care personnel and to provide integrated service delivery for basic reproductive and child health care. Its medium-term objective is to bring about reductions in the total fertility rate to replacement levels by 2010 and the long-term objective is to achieve a stable population within India, by 2045.

The NPP 2000 enumerates over 100 interventions under the 12 strategic themes of decentralization, convergence of service delivery at village levels, empowering women for improved health and nutrition, meeting the unmet needs for family welfare services, provisioning for diverse health care providers, collaboration with and commitments from non-government Organisations and the private sector, mainstreaming Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy, encouraging contraceptive technology on reproductive and child health and augmenting IEC.

Since there is striking diversity in the demographic transition among the 32 States and UTs, an Empowered Action Group (EAG) has been constituted presided over by Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, in order to pay focussed attention to the 8 States of UP, Bihar, MP, Rajasthan, Orissa, Chhattisgarh, Uttaranchal and Jharkhand.