

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1421
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CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE ON POPULATION POLICY
C. SREENVAASAN;PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

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

- (a) whether the Union Government have recently set up a Seven Member Committee to help formulate State specific population policies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the composition of the Committee;
- (c) the States which have not yet formulated any population policy;
- (d) whether the States which are facing the population problems have been given adequate representation in the Committee;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes. The Government of India has constituted a National Level Resource Committee to assist the States in formulation of Population Policies with State specific strategies, keeping in view the general spirit of National Population Policy, 2000. The Committee would provide technical support to State Governments in formulation of State Population Policies and also hold consultative workshops with the State Government Officials, experts and other civil society actors to assist in formulating the State Population Polices. There are seven members in the committee. The composition of committee is given below:

- (i) Dr. Vimla Ramachandran, Health Watch.
- (ii) Dr. Leela Visaria, Delhi University, Delhi.
- (iii) Dr. Almas Ali, Consultant, UNFPA/ MoHFW.
- (iv) Dr. Mohan Rao, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
- (v) Dr. (Ms) Mira Shiva, Voluntary Health Association of India, New Delhi.
- (vi) Mr. Diego Palacios, Representative of United Nation Fund for Population Administration.
- (vii) Shri S.C. Srivastava, Director (Policy), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare - Convenor.

(c): State Population Policies have been adopted by Andhra Pradesh (1997), Rajasthan (December 1999), Madhya Pradesh (January 2000), Uttar Pradesh (July 2000), and Gujarat (March, 2002) with state specific goals and strategies. Other States like Orissa and Uttaranchal are in the process of formulating a population policy for their States.

(d)to(f): The Committee comprises academicians, population experts, demographers, NGOs, voluntary organisations and policy makers. The committee will interact with the State Governments, at appropriate levels for assisting them in drafting of their population polices.

