

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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POPULATION CONTROL
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a World Population Day was observed on July 11, 2002;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have chalked out any programmes for effective control on population; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) There was a paradigm shift in the Family Welfare Programme after the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), Cairo in 1994. The 'Target Free Approach (TFA)' was adopted since 1st April, 1996 all over India and decentralized participatory planning was introduced. In the year 2000, the Central Government adopted the National Population Policy with the objective of achieving a stable population by 2045. To achieve this objective, certain socio-demographic goals have been set, which are to be achieved by the year 2010. The major ones are-

- (1) To meet the demand in full for basic reproductive and child health services, supplies and infrastructure.
- (2) Reducing infant mortality rate to below 30 per 1000 live births.
- (3) Reducing maternal mortality to below 100 per one lakh live births.
- (4) Achieving universal immunization of children against all vaccine preventable diseases.
- (5) Achieving 80% institutional deliveries and 100% deliveries by trained persons.
- (6) Increasing use of contraceptives with a wide basket of choices.
- (7) Achieving 100% registration of births, deaths, marriages and pregnancies.
- (8) Integrating Indian systems of medicines in providing reproductive and child health services.
- (9) Promoting small family norm to achieve replacement levels of fertility by 2010.
- (10) Making school education up to age 14 free and compulsory and reduce drop out at primary and secondary school levels.
- (11) Promoting delayed marriage for girls.
- (12) Bringing about convergence's in implementation of related social sector programmes so that family welfare becomes a peoples centered programme.