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ZERO GROWTH OF POPULATION

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

- (a) whether at the current rate India is expected to cross China as the most populous country by 2025;
- (b) if so, whether any comprehensive action plan besides constituting a National Commission on Population has been worked out to achieve the target of zero growth;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the zero growth target is likely to be achieved thereunder?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) No, Sir. According to latest estimates (1998) by the United Nations, India's population is expected to cross China's population by the year 2045.

(b),(c)&(d) The long term objective of the National Population Policy 2000 is to achieve a stable population by 2045, at a level consistent with the requirements of sustainable economic growth, social developments and environmental protection. In order to achieve that, a comprehensive action plan covering unmet needs for family planning services, convergence of service delivery at village level, contraceptive technology etc. has been drawn.