

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POPULATION CONTROL POLICY

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

- (a) whether the Government have set up a panel to control population in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof stating the areas of examination by the Panel;
- (c) whether the Government have also prepared any action plan to operationalize the National Population Policy;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the concrete steps taken by the Government to make available the facilities for safe and encumbersome abortion and subsidized family welfare devices and services all over the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) As envisaged in the National Population Policy, 2000 a National Commission on Population has been constituted on 11th May, 2000 under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister to oversee and review the implementation of the Policy.

(c) & (d) The National Population Policy, 2000 enumerates Action Plan for each of the strategic themes envisaged for achieving population stabilisation in the country. These operational strategies are listed below:

- (1) Decentralised planning and programme implementation
- (2) Convergence of service delivery at village levels.
- (3) Empowering women for improved health and nutrition.
- (4) Child Survival and Child Health.
- (5) Meeting the unmet needs for family welfare services.
- (6) Under-served population groups:

Urban slums; Tribal communities, hill area population and displaced and migrant populations; Adolescents; Increased participation of men in Planned Parenthood.

- (7) Diverse health care provides.
- (8) Collaboration with and commitments from non-government organizations and the private sector.
- (9) Mainstream Indian Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy.
- (10) Contraceptive technology and research on reproductive and child health.
- (11) Providing for the Older Population.
- (12) Information, Education and Communication.

(c) In order to increase availability and accessibility to safe abortion services, efforts for expansion and improving facilities for Medical Termination of Pregnancy(MTP), financial assistance to the district hospitals and CHCs for constructing operation theatre, labor room, water supply and electricity and upgrading of PHCs is being provided.

MTP equipments are being procured centrally and provided to District Hospitals,CHCs and PHCs wherever required through their respective Medical Stores Depot.