

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

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

(a) whether a population expert has drawn the attention of the Government towards the urgent need for special family planning services in four north Indian-BIMARU-States Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Performance in the implementation of family welfare programme in these States is being reviewed on quarterly basis by a Committee of Secretaries under the Chairmanship of the Cabinet Secretary. Additionally, the National Population Policy adopted by the Government in February, 2000 envisages strengthening and energising the family planning services in the 4 States of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. At the first meeting of the National Commission of Population, Prime Minister has announced the formation of an Empowered Action Group within the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in particular for paying focussed attention to these states with deficient national socio-demographic indices.