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FAMILY PLANNING NORMS IN CHINA

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

- (a) whether the members of Indian Medical Association recently visited China to study the Family Planning norms adopted by China to control population;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the suggestion and views expressed by the IMA regarding control of population in India on the basis of their study ;
- (d) the response of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to control population in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A four-member delegation of Indian Medical Association visited China to study the Family Planning Policy adopted by China to control population on the invitation of the Chinese Medical Association and found that the one-child Policy of China has been widely accepted by the general public in China and the results thereof are very encouraging.

(c) IMA has urged that Govt. should formulate incentive oriented family welfare policy.

(d) As per the National Population Policy-2000 adopted by the Parliament, the priority of the Government is to meet the unmet needs of the people under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme so as to achieve net replacement levels of Total Fertility Rate of 2.1 by 2010.

(e) The steps being taken by Government for population stabilization in the country include- adoption of National Population Policy (NPP), constitution of the National Commission on Population, establishment of the Janasankhya Sthirata Kosh and constitution of an Empowered Action Group (EAG) for focused attention on demographically weaker States. The Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme launched by Government in 1997 for provision of comprehensive reproductive, maternal, child health and contraceptive services to the people has reached in its 2nd Phase for providing more comprehensive and integrated services.

The Government has recently launched the National Rural Health Mission throughout the country, with special emphasis on 18 States i.e. Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Orissa, Meghalaya, Tripura, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttaranchal, U.P. Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir.