

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

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STRESS ON POLICIES OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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

- (a) whether the Government has been urged upon by experts and women's organizations that more stress may be applied to policies of education and development to tackle the population problem;
- (b) if so, the details and the reaction of the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether India despite being a signatory to Cairo Declaration 1994 has not made any reference to development in the National Population Policy;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to remedy the situation and time by which the new policy is to be announced and implemented?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)& (c) The National Population Policy, 2000 (NPP2000) gives due emphasis to correlation between development, including access to education and population stabilisation. This paradigm is duly reflected in the Reproductive and Child Health Programme of the Government of India.

(d)&(e) Not applicable