

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:59

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POPULATION GROWTH RATE

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

- (a) the rate of population growth at present in the country;
- (b) whether rate of population growth is increasing;
- (c) if so, the details of steps being taken by the Government for stabilization of population; and
- (d) the details of target fixed for stabilisation of population during Tenth Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 59 FOR 7TH JULY, 2004

- (a) The annual growth rate of population between 1991 and 2001 as per Population Censuses results works out as 1.93%.
- (b) The annual growth rates of population growth as per decennial Censuses 1981, 1991 and 2001 are as below:-

BETWEEN THE YEARS ANNUAL GROWTH RATE (%)

1981	2.22
1991	2.14
2001	1.93

As evident from the data, the population growth rate has decreased over the last three decades.

(c) The Government has taken following steps and introduced several programmes in the past as below:-

Government has adopted a National Population Policy (NPP) in February 2000, which provides for an inter-sectoral agenda to bring about population stabilization, with Community involvement in administering family planning services.

Meeting the unmet needs relating to health infrastructure, health personnel, contraception through Social Marketing/Franchising to increase availability of contraceptives and induction of private sector medical personnel to provide Family Planning services.

An Empowered Action Group has been constituted for the focused attention on improving the coverage and outreach of services, including family planning, in demographically weaker eight states. Higher rate of compensation for meeting the cost of Family Planning procedures is being provided in EAG States in both public and accredited NGO/private/public health facilities.

No Scalpel Vasectomy (NSV) method (without a cut or a stitch) of male sterilization has been introduced to promote male participation in family planning programme since 1997.

For increasing the awareness among the people regarding the Population issues, including the small family norms, the Department is continuously utilizing the services of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting through print media as well as electronic media.

The Government is committed to replicating all over the country the success that some Southern and other states have had in family planning. Under the Common Minimum Programme, the Government will sharply focus its ongoing family planning programme in the

150-odd high fertility districts.

(d) The details of the targets fixed for the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07) are as below:-

Reduction in the decadal rate of population growth between 2001 and 2011 to 16.2% as against 21.34% in the decade 1999-2001.