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FAILURE OF VASECTOMY PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present status of the vasectomy programme being run in the country by the Government to achieve the objectives of the `Chota Parivar Sukhi Parivar` campaign;
- (b) whether vasectomy operations have not been successful in many states in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;
- (d) whether the victims of such operations have demanded compensation;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (f) the action taken against the officials responsible for failure of operations?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

(a) Male participation is being promoted as a part of the National Family Welfare Programme, under which performance has been increasing over the last two years. The following steps have been taken to improve the performance:

- # Services for vasectomy are being provided on fixed day basis at identified centers and through periodic camps in the states.
- # Training for augmenting the pool of vasectomy surgeons is being undertaken at the National, State & District levels.
- # The compensation schemes has been revised w.e.f. 7.9.07, where the compensation for vasectomy has been increased to Rs. 1500/- for all categories of acceptors in all the states.
- # The Family Planning Insurance Scheme has been taken up w.e.f. 25.11.2005, which provides insurance cover to all persons undergoing sterilization operation in public/accredited private health facilities.

(b) & (c) A few cases of failure have been reported.

However, as per WHO Global Hand Book for providers in Family Planning, a failure rate of 2 – 3% can occur, which could well be attributed to the natural functions of the human body like spontaneous re-canalization, resulting in cases of failure. Details of failure cases state wise, are at Annexure 'A'.

(d)&(e) Yes. State wise details of compensation provided under the National Family Planning Insurance Scheme are at Annexure 'B'

(f) Out of a total 2,89,642 cases of vasectomy performed during the year 2008-09, only 327 clients have claimed insurance for failure, which amounts to 0.1% (well below the accepted level of 2 – 3%)

Even so, States have been directed to ensure that all the surgeons against whom maximum number of failures have been reported, be retrained before being allowed to perform vasectomies.