

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated schemes for population stabilization in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, schemewise;
- (c) whether funds have been allotted by the World Bank for these schemes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

(a) & (b):- The following initiatives have been taken in pursuance of the objectives of National Population Policy 2000 under National Rural Health Mission, the second phase of Reproductive Child Health (RCH) and Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh to inter alia address the unmet need for contraception and for population stabilisation:-

- (i) National Family Planning: Insurance Scheme was started since November, 2005 to compensate the sterilization acceptors for failures, complications and deaths and also provides indemnity insurance cover to doctors.
- (ii) Compensation Package for Sterilization was increased in September, 2007 i.e. in vasectomy from Rs.800/- to Rs.1500/-and tubectomy from Rs.800/- to Rs.1000/- in public facilities and to a uniform amount of Rs.1500/- in accredited private health facilities for all categories in all States for vasectomy.
- (iii) Specific action points/ strategies have been incorporated in the States Project Implementation Plans (PIPs) under NRHM to address the up-gradation of Family Planning Services.
- (iv) Promotion of acceptance of No Scalpel Vasectomy to ensure male participation.
- (v) Promote IUD 380A intensively as a spacing method because of its longevity of 10 years and advantages over other IUDs.
- (vi) Fixed day Fixed Place Family Planning Services round the year encouraged through growing number of 24x7 PHCs and better functioning CHCs and other health facilities under NRHM.
- (vii) Increase the basket of choice by systematically and carefully introducing new and effective contraceptives in the programme.
- (viii) The outreach activities through the institution of ASHAs and Monthly Health and Nutrition Days under NRHM have also helped.
- (ix) The Prerna strategy (Responsible Parenthood Practices) of Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh (JSK) aims at promotion of delayed marriage (after the legal age) among girls, by rewarding and publically honouring the women who marry after the legal age and ensure proper spacing in the birth of their children.
- (x) The Santushti strategy provides private sector gynaecologists and vasectomy surgeons an opportunity to conduct sterilisation operations in Public Private Partnership (PPP).
- (xi) The JSK Call Centre on Reproductive, Family Planning and Child Health provides authentic information on issues related to reproductive and child health.

(c) & (d):- The amount of external assistance committed by the World Bank to RCH-II Programme during the period from 22nd August 2006 to 30th September, 2010 is US \$ 360 million.