

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RISING CASES OF INFERTILITY AMONGST WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cases of infertility amongst women in the country are increasing;
- (b) if so, the details of the cases reported during the last three years and the current year and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether infertility has been included in primary health care;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

- (a) & (b) There is no such data indicating increase in the incidence of cases of infertility amongst women in the country . However, according to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-III) (2005-06) 10.1% women aged 15-49 years did not have any children.
- (c) to (e) Management of infertility being a highly technical field, only components such as counselling, screening and referral are included in primary healthcare for addressing this issue.