

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POPULATION CONTROL
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the meeting of the National Commission on Population (NCP) has been held recently;
- (b) if so, the details of the discussions held and decisions arrived therein;
- (c) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government for the implementation of the decisions arrived in the meeting;
- (d) whether the NCP was set up in 2000 to monitor and give directions for the implementation of the National Population Policy (NPP); and
- (e) if so, the steps taken to formulate NPP?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b) Yes. In the Meeting of the National Commission on Population held in October 2010, the discussions focused on assessment of the population situation and the strategies required to increase the Contraceptive Prevalence Rate, reduce the unmet need and make Family Planning Services available in a reliable manner to eligible couples.

(c) The Government envisages strengthening Family Planning Services through the following broad strategies:-

1. Increasing basket of choice by systematically and carefully introducing new and effective contraceptives in the programme.
2. Fixed day Fixed Place Family Planning Services round the year through growing number of 24x7 PHCs and better functioning CHCs and other health facilities under NRHM.
3. Promotion of IUD 380A intensively as a spacing method because of its longevity of 10 years and advantages over other IUDs.
4. Promotion of No Scalpel Vasectomy to ensure male participation.
5. Improving availability of contraceptives at the village level.
6. Attractive compensation package for Sterilization.
7. Compensate sterilization acceptors for failures, complications and deaths and provide indemnity insurance cover to doctors under the Family Planning Insurance Scheme.

(d) Yes.

(e) A National Population Policy (NPP) has already been formulated in 2000. The immediate objective of the NPP 2000 is to address the unmet needs for contraception, health care infrastructure, and health personnel, and to provide integrated service delivery for basic reproductive and child health care. The medium-term objective is to bring the TFR to replacement levels by 2010, through vigorous implementation of inter-sectoral operational strategies. The long-term objective is to achieve a stable population by 2045, at a level consistent with the requirements of sustainable economic growth, social development, and environmental protection.