GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:73 ANSWERED ON:12.11.2010 POPULATION STABILISATION Thamaraiselvan Shri R.

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

- (a) the details of population growth in various states, State & UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has revised the target date for achieving Population Stabilisation from 2045 to 2070;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the action plan drawn by the Government to stabilize population particularly, in the States where population growth rate is higher?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 73 FOR 12TH NOVEMBER, 2010

- (a) The details are given in the statement annexed.
- (b) No, Madam.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) In order to scale up efforts for population stabilisation and more specifically meet the substantial unmet needs, various initiatives taken by the Government include introduction of national family planning insurance scheme to compensate sterilisation acceptors for failures, complications and deaths and which provides indemnity insurance cover to doctors; enhancement of compensation packages for sterilisation, promotion of IUD 380A intensively as a spacing method because of its longevity; encouraging fixed-place family planning services and increasing the basket of choice for by introducing new and effective contraceptives under the programme.

Government also envisages strengthening of implementation structure for population stabilisation, establishment of post-partum centres in facilities with substantial number institutional deliveries, facilitating availability of contraceptives to eligible couples and increased advocacy efforts from the village level onwards, specially in the States having high population growth rates.