

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

- (a) the status of Millennium Development Goal of two children, Statewise;
- (b) whether the current population trend would negate the attempts at sustainable development;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the National Population Stabilisation Fund Utilisation, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) There is no such Millennium Development Goal.

(b) to (c) The objective of the National Population Policy is to achieve a stable population by 2045, at a level consistent with the requirements of sustainable economic growth, social development and environmental protection.

Though India's population has increased from 36 crores in 1951 to 102.87 crore in 2001, the country has witnessed significant decline in both fertility and mortality. The crude birth rate, which was recorded at 40.8 per 1000 in 1951, has declined to 22.8 in 2008, as per the estimates available from the sample Registration System (SRS). The crude death rate, which was recorded at 12.5 per 1000 in 1951, has declined to 7.4 in 2008. Total Fertility Rate (TFR) has come down from 6.0 in 1951 to 2.6 in 2008.

(d) The National Population Stabilization Fund does not make any State-wise allocation of funds. Funds are utilized for the implementation of various schemes like Prerna, Santushti, JSK Call Centre, IEC etc. Prerna rewards and publically honours women who marry after the legal age and ensure proper spacing in the birth of their children, and Santushti provides the private sector gynaecologists and vasectomy surgeons an opportunity to conduct sterilization operations in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.