

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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POPULATION GROWTH

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the report released by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) which states that India will be the most populous country in coming 40 years;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the facts thereof;
- (c) the current population in the country along with the rate of its growth during the last three years and the current year, State/Union Territory-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has revised the target for population stabilization in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the plan chalked out to stabilize the population in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIDINESH TRIVEDI)

- (a) & (b) No such report has been shared by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW).
- (c) The projected population for, State and UTs for the period 2008-2010 are given in the enclosed annexure.
- (d) No.
- (e) Does not arise.
- (f) In order to scale up efforts for population stabilization and more specifically meet the substantial unmet need, the various initiatives taken by the Government includes introduction of National Family Planning Insurance Scheme (NFPIS) to compensate sterilization acceptors for failures, complications and deaths and indemnity insurance cover to doctors; enhancement of compensation packages for sterilization; 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 by systematically and carefully introducing new and effective contraceptives in the programme.