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

- (a) whether the National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health has conducted a survey in Mumbai slums for enhancing participation of men in reproductive health;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the institute has plans to conduct more such surveys; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a) & (b) Yes. National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health has conducted an operational research survey titled "Interventions in Urban Slums for Enhancing Participation of Men in Reproductive Health" in collaboration with Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) during the period 2004-2009. The experimental research design tested the hypothesis of involving men in three areas, namely, Area - 1 where intervention was addressed to husbands only; Area - 2 where intervention was addressed to couples; and Area - 3 where no intervention was carried out. Baseline survey was conducted and information was elicited from 1728 couples (1728 married men and their wives). The results indicate statistically significant increase in awareness regarding contraceptives, Reproductive Tract Infections (RTIs)/ Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), symptoms among men and women in both the experimental areas as compared to control areas.

(c) & (d) Currently two operational research are in progress:

(1) An intervention research titled "Enhancing knowledge and promoting health seeking behavior of couples on STIs and cervical cancer in urban slums of Mumbai" that aims at understanding the knowledge, attitude, behaviour and practices about STIs and cervical cancer among couples.

(2) An operational research titled "Gender Equity focused, Male centered Family Planning for Rural India" that would offer innovative approach of family planning within rural India.