

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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DECLINE IN POPULATION GROWTH RATE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the latest estimates of population there has been sharp decline in the population growth rate ever;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to give incentives to the States which have shown a promising decline in the population growth rate; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) & (b): As per the Population Census 2011 provisional figures released by the Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India, the percentage decadal growth during 2001-2011 for India has registered the sharpest decline since independence. During 2001-2011, the decadal growth has declined to 17.64 percent from 21.54 percent during the period 1991-2001. Decadal growth rate for different decades since 1951-1961 is given below:

Decade Growth rate (%)

1951-1961	21.64
1961-1971	24.80
1971-1981	24.66
1981-1991	23.87
1991-2001	21.54
2001-2011	17.64

(c) & (d): There is no such proposal, at present, to give incentive to the States.

The National Population Policy adopted by the Government in February, 2000 provides for holistic approach for achieving population stabilization in the country. The policy affirms the commitment of the Government towards voluntary and informed choice and consent of citizens while availing of reproductive health care services and continuation of the target free approach in administering family planning services.