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POPULATION GROWTH

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

- (a) whether as per recent report of United Nations, India's population is likely to surpass China by 2050 and India's population is likely to be 1.7 billion in 2060;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which India has been successful in achieving the targets for population control; and
- (d) the fresh steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to control the population growth in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes. As per estimates projected by the United Nations, population of India is likely to surpass that of China by 2025 and the country is likely to have a population of 1.71 billion by 2060.

(c): India had set itself the goal of attaining replacement levels of fertility by 2012 to achieve the larger goal of population stabilization by 2045.

Though India's population has increased from 36 crore in 1951 to 121.02 crore in 2011, the country has witnessed significant decline in both fertility and mortality. As per estimates available from the Sample Registration System (SRS), the crude birth rate, which was recorded at 40.8 per 1000 in 1951, has declined to 22.5 in 2009. The Total Fertility Rate (TFR) has come down from 6.0 in 1951 to 2.6 in 2009 (SRS-2009).

(d): The steps taken by the Government to control the population growth in the country include the following:-

# Enhancement of compensation packages for accepters and providers of sterilization services.

# Introduction of a National Family Planning Insurance Scheme to cover any mishap that may occur due to sterilization.

# Promotion of long term IUD-380-A as a spacing method.

# Strengthening of post partum family planning services in the health facilities in view of the substantial increase in institutional deliveries.

# Promotion of male participation through Non Scalpel Vasectomy.

# Training of doctors on minilap sterilisation method.

# Enlistment of private providers to enhance provision of sterilization services.

# To improve access to contraceptives by eligible couples, a new scheme has recently been launched to utilize the services of ASHAs to deliver contraceptives at the door step of the households by charging a nominal amount as incentive. This initiative has been taken up on a pilot basis in 233 districts of 17 States.