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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 National Commission on Population (NCP) has been mandated to take steps to control the population;
- (b) if so, the main achievements of the Commission during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of benefits accrued from the utilization of National Population Stabilisation Fund;
- (d) the details of the assistance/incentives being given to the States to check population growth;
- (e) whether some States are not implementing Family Welfare Programmes effectively; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the remedial action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) The National Commission on Population headed by the Prime Minister has been constituted as a body to review, monitor and give directions to concerned Ministries/Departments for the implementation of the National Population Policy,2000(NPP).

(b) The main achievements are as mentioned below:

In its meeting held on 21st October 2010, the National Commission on Population (NCP) in the light of suggestions from experts, representatives of political parties and participating Chief Ministers/Minister of State Governments has identified key points for effective implementation of the National Population Policy 2000(NPP).

The first round of Annual Health Survey(AHS) was got conducted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare through the Office of Registrar General of India during 2010-11 in 284 districts of 8 Empowered Action Group(EAG) states namely Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Odisha and Assam. Key results have been released by the office of RGI-India on 10.08.2011.

Expert Groups have been engaged to study the population profile of the states of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha. Their recommendations have been incorporated in the overall design of the National Rural Health Mission.

(c) The details of benefits are as mentioned below:

1. The Prema strategy (Responsible Parenthood Practices) of Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh (JSK) promotes population stabilization by encouraging delayed marriage (after the legal age) among girls, by rewarding and publically honouring the women who marry after the legal age and ensure proper spacing in the birth of their children.

2. The Santushti strategy provides for private sector gynaecologists and vasectomy surgeons an opportunity to conduct sterilisation operations in Public Private Partnership (PPP).

3. Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh(JSK) has taken up the promotion of the IUCD 380A through capacity building programmes in high focus states.

4. The JSK Call Centre on Reproductive, Family Planning and Child Health provides authentic information on issues related to family planning, reproductive and child health on an average of 300 calls a day.

5. JSK is working closely with the state government in Bihar to promote FW issues in the state. It is setting up Missions for FW in 4 states of UP, Bihar, MP and Rajasthan.

6. JSK has also produced two 22 minute films of Birth Spacing and Malnutrition which have been screened widely on TV channels and private venues.

7. JSK has undertaken advocacy on the issue with stakeholders such as the corporates, national media, adolescents and students from high secondary schools, NGOs and the community in the high fertility states.

(d) The National Rural Health Mission which is a flagship programme of the Government, inter alia lays stress on reduction of Total Fertility Rate. During the 11th Five Year Plan, an amount of Rs.1670 crores has so far been spent on Family Planning Services. State-wise details are enclosed at Annexure.

(e) & (f) No. Does not arise.