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POPULATION CONTROL

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan for population control in view of increasing population of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the rise in country's population during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the details of schemes/programmes formulated by the Government to create awareness among people about population stability;
- (e) whether religious and other considerations are adversely affecting the success of this programme; and
- (f) if so, the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Population stabilization has been a key priority area of the Government. India has set itself the goal of attaining replacement levels of fertility by 2012 to achieve the larger goal of population stabilization by 2045.

The Family Welfare Programme in India is voluntary in nature, which enables a couple to adopt the family planning methods, best suited to them

according to their choice, without any compulsion or targets.

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 increase in institutional deliveries.

Promotion of male participation through Non Scalpel Vasectomy (NSV) methods.

Training of doctors on minilap sterilisation method.

Enlistment of private providers to enhance provision of sterilization services.

(c): The details of the rise in country's population during each of the last three years and the current year, are Annexed.

(d): A comprehensive mass media campaign to create awareness about the benefits of small families to the people through Electronic and Print media, has been undertaken. Measures are being taken to increase female literacy as States where the rate of female literacy is high are seen to have a low fertility rate.

The new initiative of NRHM to engage ASHAs in every village has positively contributed towards households seeking health and family planning services. ASHAs who serve as the link between community and the health system have strengthened the public awareness campaign for family planning services.

The JSK Call Centre on Reproductive, Family Planning and Child Health provides authentic information on issues related to reproductive and child health.

(e) & (f): There are no evidence based inputs on this. However, the effort is to involve people's representatives as well as religious leaders in generating awareness on population stabilization programme