

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SMALL FAMILY NORMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether total number of families adopting small family norms in the country has increased by 3.5 per cent between 2010 and 2011;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken to increase such number of families in future?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): As per the provisional information received from the States / UTs through the HMIS portal, total number of family planning acceptors of sterilisation method have increased from 49, 97,571 in 2009-10 to 50,09,322 in 2010-11. States wise details for the year 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 are given in Annexed.

(c): As per the National Population Policy 2000, the Family Welfare Programme in India is voluntary in nature, which enable couples to adopt the best suited methods according to their choice, without any compulsion. However, with a view to encourage people to adopt Family Planning, Government has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to compensate the acceptors of sterilization for the loss of wages for the day on which he/she attended the medical facility for undergoing Sterilization. Under the scheme, the funds are released to States/UTs @Rs.1500/- for Vasectomy and Rs.1000/- for Tubectomy procedures in public facilities and an amount of Rs.1500/- for Vasectomy in accredited private health facilities for all categories in all States/ UTs.

Further, the key interventions taken in this direction including 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 increase in institutional deliveries.
- # Promotion of male participation through Non Scalpel Vasectomy (NSV) methods.
- # Training of doctors on minilap sterilization method.
- # Enlistment of private providers to enhance provision of sterilization services.
- # To utilize the services of ASHAs to deliver contraceptives at the door steps of the households by charging a nominal amount as incentive for their efforts.