

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

- (a) whether any sharp decline in population growth has been noticed in some States; and
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise for the last three years, year-wise and gender-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(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. 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

State wise details are Annexed.

A decline of more than five percentage points in decadal growth rate from the previous census decade was recorded for fifteen States and Union Territories (UTs). Among the larger States and UTs, Delhi has registered the sharpest decline followed by Haryana, Rajasthan and Maharashtra.

Average annual exponential growth rate observed during 1991-2011 and 2001-2011 was 1.97 % and 1.64 % respectively. Year wise Growth rate is not available as population census is conducted in every 10 years.