

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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STERILIZATION UNDER FAMILY WELFARE PROGRAMME .

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to focus more on spacing of children than the use of sterilization under its family welfare;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether to achieve this the Government is planning to provide mothers with devices for spacing of children; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): Government is improving awareness of and access to different family planning methods including spacing methods.
- (b) Details of initiatives on spacing methods are as follows Training of more personnel in IUCD insertion at all levels Introduction of post-delivery IUCD insertion Introduction of FP counsellors in district hospitals and high case load facilities ASHAs are delivering contraceptives at the doorstep of households. The initiative has already been implemented on a pilot basis in 233 districts of 17 focus States Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh (JSK) provides incentive to eligible couples for delaying marriage and spacing in births under 'Prerana Scheme' in select districts in the country
- (c): Yes.
- (d): 10 year IUCD (CuT 380A) as a long term spacing method Cu IUCD 375, a 5 year IUCD as a short term spacing method Oral Contraceptive Pills (OCPs) Condoms