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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement a new family planning programme to check the fast growing population in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the time by which the said programme is likely to be finalised and implemented?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) No. 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 and is proposed to be continued like that.

However, new interventions are regularly being added. Some of the key new interventions that have been added to existing interventions for population stabilization are annexed.

ANNEXURE

NEW INTERVENTIONS FOR POPULATION STABILISATION:

1. A new scheme has been launched to utilize the services of ASHA to deliver contraceptives at the doorstep of beneficiaries. The scheme is being implemented in 233 districts of 17 states. ASHA is charging a nominal amount from beneficiaries for her effort to deliver contraceptives at doorstep i.e Re 1 for a pack of 3 condoms, Re 1 for a cycle of OCPs and Rs.2 for a pack of one tablet of ECP.
2. MoHFW has introduced short term IUCD(5 years effectivity),Cu IUCD 375 under the National Family Planning programme. Training of state level trainers has already been completed and process is underway to train service providers upto the sub-center level.
3. A new method of IUCD insertion (post- partum IUCD insertion) has been introduced by the Government.276 district hospitals in high focus states have been identified for strengthening PPIUCD services.
4. Promotion of Post-partum Family Planning Services at district hospitals by providing for placement of dedicated Family Planning Counsellors and training of personnel.