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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 National Population Policy has not been reviewed since long;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor alongwith the year when it was reviewed last;
- (c) whether the Government has chalked out any new strategy/plan for population control;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the schemes/programmes formulated by the Government for effective implementation of the plan;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to give any incentives for adoption of small family norms; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to check population growth in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): India adopted a comprehensive and holistic National Population Policy (NPP), 2000, which provides a policy framework for advancing goals and prioritizing strategies to meet the reproductive and child health needs of the people and to achieve a stable population at a level consistent with the requirements of sustainable economic growth, social development and environmental protection. As such, no need has been felt to review the policy.

(c) & (d): Government of India has been vigorously implementing the National Rural Health Mission launched in the year 2005 in line with the policy framework of population stabilization as envisaged in National Population Policy-2000, i.e the need to simultaneously address issues of child survival, maternal health and fertility while increasing outreach and coverage of a comprehensive package of reproductive and child health services. New interventions that have been added to existing interventions for population stabilization are at Annexure.

(e) & (f): There is no proposal at present to give incentives for adoption of small family norms.

The various initiatives taken by the Government to check population growth in the country includes introduction of national family planning insurance scheme to compensate accepters of sterilization for failures, complications and deaths and which provides indemnity cover to doctors, enhancement of compensation packages for sterilization, promotion of IUD 380 A intensively as a spacing method because of its longevity; encouraging fixed day fixed place family planning services and increasing the basket of choice by introducing new and effective contraceptives under the programme.

Government also envisages strengthening of implementation structure for population stabilization, establishment of post-partum centers in facilities with substantial number of institutional deliveries, facilitating availability of contraceptives to eligible couples and increased advocacy efforts from village level onward, especially in states having high population growth.

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.