

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

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NATIONAL POPULATION COMMISSION

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

- (a) whether National Population Commission has the mandate to take steps to check the population of the country;
- (b) if so, the major achievement of the commission during the last three years;
- (c) the results achieved out of the expenditure incurred from the National Population Stabilisation Fund;
- (d) the details of the assistance/incentives being given to the States for checking population;
- (e) whether some States are not implementing the Family Welfare Programmes/ Schemes in an effective manner; and
- (f) if so, the details of bottlenecks in implementation of the programme and the action plan formulated by the Government to control the increasing population of the country?

**Answer**

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

(a): The National Commission on Population headed by the Prime Minister has been constituted as a body to review, monitor and give directions to concerned Ministries/Departments for the implementation of the National Population Policy(NPP), 2000.

(b): The main achievements are as mentioned below:

# In its meeting held on 21st October 2010, the National Commission on Population (NCP) in the light of suggestions from experts, representatives of political parties and participating Chief Ministers/Minister of State Governments has identified key points for effective implementation of the National Population Policy 2000(NPP).

# Two rounds of the Annual Health Survey(AHS) have been conducted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare through the Office of Registrar General of India during 2010-11 and 2011-12 in 284 districts of Assam and 8 Empowered Action Group(EAG) states namely UP, Ultrakhand, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Odisha.

# Expert Groups have been engaged to study the population profile of the states of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha. Their recommendations have been incorporated in the overall design of the National Rural Health Mission.

(c): The details of benefits are as mentioned below:

1. The Prerna strategy (Responsible Parenthood Practices) of Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh (JSK) promotes population stabilization by encouraging delayed marriage (after the legal age) among girls, by rewarding and publically honouring the women who marry after the legal age and ensure proper spacing in the birth of their children.Under the Prerna Scheme, 1502Prerna Couples have been awarded so far.

2. The Santushti strategy provides for private sector gynaecologists and vasectomy surgeons an opportunity to conduct sterilisation operations in Public Private Partnership (PPP). Under the Santushti Scheme, 8581 couples have been sterilised through Public Private Partnership mode so far.

3. Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh (JSK) has taken up the promotion of the IUCD 380A through capacity building programmes in high focus states.

4. The JSK Call Centre on Reproductive, Family Planning and Child Health provides authentic information on issues related to family planning, reproductive and child health. About 4,33,199 people have been benefited from National Helpline on Reproductive Health so far.

5. JSK is working closely with the State Government in Bihar to promote FW issues in the state. It is setting up Missions for FW in 4 states of UP, Bihar, MP and Rajasthan.

6. JSK has also produced two 22 minute films of Birth Spacing and Malnutrition which have been screened widely on TV channels and private venues.

7. JSK has undertaken advocacy on the issue with stakeholders such as the corporates, national media, adolescents and students from Higher Secondary schools, NGOs and the community in the high fertility states.

(d): The National Rural Health Mission which is a flagship programme of the Government, inter-alia lays stress on reduction of Total Fertility Rate. During the last three years, an amount of Rs. 1302.54crores has so far been spent on Family Planning Services. State-wise details are Annexed.

(e) & (f) No, Does not arise.