

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL POPULATION POLICY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has convened a meeting of State Health Secretaries and Directors-in-charge of family welfare;
- (b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to invite Private Sector participation in stabilizing the population growth;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check population growth?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare convenes meetings of State Health Secretaries and Directors-in-charge of Family Welfare from time to time in which all pertinent issues with regard to health are discussed for follow up action by the States.

(c) & (d): To encourage accredited private sector providers to participate in Family Planning activities, incentive @ Rs.1500/- is provided for undertaking vasectomy and tubectomy.

(e): 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.

Population stabilization is also one of the objectives of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) launched in April, 2005. It gives a thrust on reduction of child maternity, maternal mortality and fertility rate.

The following steps are also taken to stabilize population:-

- i) National Family Planning Insurance Scheme has been started since November, 2005 to compensate the sterilization acceptors for failures, complications and deaths and also provides indemnity insurance cover to doctors.
- ii) Compensation Package for Sterilization was increased in September,2007 in family planning i.e. in Vasectomy from Rs.800/- to Rs.1500/- and tubectomy from Rs.800/- to Rs.1000/- in public facilities and to a uniform amount of Rs.1500/- in accredited private health facilities for all categories in all States for vasectomy.
- iii) Specific action points/ strategies have been incorporated in the States Project Implementation Plans (PIPs) under NRHM to address the up- gradation of Family Planning Services.
- iv) Promoting acceptance of No Scalpel Vasectomy to ensure male participation.
- v) Promoting IUD 380A intensively as a spacing method because of its longevity of 10 years and advantages over other IUDs.
- vi) Fixed day Fixed Place Family Planning Services round the year encouraged through growing number of 24x7 PHCs and better functioning CHCs and other health facilities under NRHM.
- vii) Increasing the basket of choice by systematically and carefully introducing new and effective contraceptives in the programme. The outreach activities through the institution of ASHAs and Monthly Health and Nutrition Days under NRHM have also helped.