

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the United Nations Population Fund has spent several million dollars to check the population growth of India during the past several years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the extent by which population has been checked; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to maximise benefit from the said Fund?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Contribution of United Nations Population Fund during last four years to the Reproductive Child Health Programme which is mainly financed through budget of Government of India is as per details given below:-

Year Amount in US \$

2008 44,00,000

2009 50,00,000

2010 31,19,475

2011 33,00,000

Total 1,58,19,475

The growth rate of the Indian population is slowing down. As per 2011 census data, the percentage decadal growth during 2001-2011 has registered the sharpest decline since Independence. It declined from 23.87 per cent in 1981-1991 to 21.54 per cent for the period 1991-2001, a decrease of 2.33 percentage points. For 2001-11, the decadal growth has decreased to 17.64 per cent, a decline of 3.90 per centage points.

(c): Government has adopted the National Population Policy in February 2000 which provides for holistic approach for achieving population stabilization. The policy affirms the commitment of Government towards voluntary and informed choice and consent of citizens while availing of reproductive health care services. The key interventions for population stabilization include the following:

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.

Government of India has introduced short term IUCD, Cu IUCD 375 under the Family Planning programme.

Enhancement of compensation packages for accepters and providers of sterilization services.

Introduction of a National Family Planning Insurance Scheme to cover any mishap that may occur due to sterilization.

Promotion of long term IUD-380-A as a spacing method.

Strengthening of post partum family planning services in the health facilities in view of the substantial increase of institutional deliveries.

Promotion of male participation through Non Scalpel Vasectomy methods.

Training of doctors on minilap sterilization.

Enlistment of private providers to enhance provision of sterilization services.