

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:138
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POPULATION GROWTH
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any target to stabilize the population during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements so far made against the target?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a)&(b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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No targets are fixed as the Family Welfare Programme in India is voluntary in nature, which enables a couple to adopt the family planning methods, best suited to them and according to their choice.

Though India's population has increased from 36 crore in 1951 to 102.87 Crore in 2001, the country has witnessed significant decline in both fertility and mortality. As per the data available through the Sample Registration System (SRS) of the Registrar General of India, the crude birth rate, which was recorded at 40.8 per 1000 in 1951, has declined to 23.1 in 2007. The crude death rate, which was recorded at 25.1 per 1000 in 1951, had declined to 7.4 in 2007. Infant mortality rate has come down from 146 in 1951-61 to 55 in 2007. Total Fertility rate has come down from 6.0 in 1951 to 2.7 in 2007