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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 Government has chalked out any plan to provide incentive to such States which have been successful in the population control; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a)&(b): Upgradation of service delivery at all the health facilities in the country is main thrust of the Government under National Rural Health Mission(NRHM). The issue on Population Stabilization have been addressed under NRHM to understand the local issues of respective States and get them properly addressed at appropriate platform.

To encourage Family Planning through responsible and planned parenthood, voluntary and informed choice of Family Planning method best suited to acceptors have been adopted as envisaged in National Population Policy 2000 and further incorporated in the implementation frame work of National Rural Health Mission/RCH-II.

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 infant mortality, maternal mortality and fertility rate with following specific interventions:

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.