

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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USAGE OF CONTRACEPTIVE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there have been fewer births and maternal deaths in the country due to use of contraceptive in the past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the current year so far;
- (c) whether major dip in condom use has been recorded in certain States/UTs in 2010-2011 as against 2009-2010;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ABU HASEM KHAN CHOUDHURY)

(a) & (b): Yes, there have been fewer births and maternal deaths in the country over the last few years. This is reflected by the decline in the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) and Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) over the years. Use of contraceptives by the eligible couples may be one of the reasons attributed to the decline of these rates. The TFR during 2005-10 and MMR during 1997-98 to 2007-09 as brought out by the Office of the Registrar General of India through sample registration system are given at Annexure-I and II respectively.

(c) & (d): Yes, marginal decline is noticed in some states in respect of number of condom users, which is computed state-wise during 2010-11 against 2009-10 on the basis of the data reported by the States / UTs on the

(e): HMIS (Health Management Information System) portal are given at Annexure-III.

- i. Improving access to contraceptives is one of the priority areas of the family planning programme.
- ii. A new scheme has been launched by the government to distribute contraceptives at households of beneficiaries by ASHAs.
- iii. A new scheme has also been launched to promote spacing methods by giving incentives to ASHAs to ensure delay of 2 years for the birth of the first child after marriage and spacing of three years between first and the second births.
- iv. Improving contraceptives supply management upto peripheral facilities