

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

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STERILIZATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ratio of the sterilization of men is low compared to women despite having the simpler procedure for vasectomy;
- (b) if so, the reasons for reluctance of men for vasectomy;
- (c) the male and female ratio of sterilization cases during each of the last three years and the current year, StateAJTwise; and
- (d) 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): Yes.
- (b): Unfounded fear of physical weakness, impotence & sociocultural barriers.
- (c): Percentage of male sterilization to total sterilizations has been:

- i. 2009-10: 5.3%
- ii. 2010-11: 4.4%
- iii. 2011-12: 3.7%
- iv. 2012-13 (till Dec): 2.9%

State/UT-wise details are as per annexure attached.

- (d): i. Advocacy and demand generation activities to promote male participation in family planning.
- ii. Training of surgical faculty of medical colleges and service providers in male sterilisation procedure, iii. Organising National workshops on promoting male sterilisation.