GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:371 ANSWERED ON:11.07.2014 POPULATION STABILIZATION Adityanath Shri Yogi

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

- (a) whether India is likely to be the most populous nation of the world by 2050;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the high growth of population in the country;
- (c) the funds allocated for population control measures during each of the last three years and current year, State/UT wise;
- (d) whether the Government has made any assessment of the impact of population explosion on the overall development of the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the measures taken/being taken by the Government for stabilisation of population in the country along with the success achieved there from?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

- (a) & (b): As per World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision, the population of India is likely to be 162,00,51,000 and that of Republic of China to be 138,49,77,000 by 2050. In spite of perceptible decline in TFR (Total Fertility Rate) from 3.6 in 1991 to 2.4 in 2012, India is yet to achieve replacement level of 2.1 due to slow decline in fertility and wide variations among the States. Twenty three States/UTs of India have already achieved replacement level by 2012, while the States like UP and Bihar with large population base still have TFR of 3.3 and 3.5 respectively. The other States like Jharkhand (TFR 2.8), Rajasthan (TFR 2.9), Madhya Pradesh (TFR 2.9) and Chhattisgarh (TFR 2.9) continue to have higher levels of fertility and contribute to the growth of population.
- (c): The detailed information may be seen at annexure-l.
- (d) & (e): The population projections based on census 2011 have not yet been made. The projections based on census 2001 are available only up to the year 2026.
- (f): The detailed information may be seen at annexure-II.