

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

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POPULATION STABILIZATION

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

- (a) whether as per the latest estimates the growth of population in the country has declined;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has made any assessment about the adverse effect of growing population in the country, if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (d) whether some States/UTs have been slow/are lagging behind in adopting family planning methods and if so, the details thereof along with the factors responsible for the slow progress in controlling growth of population in the country; and
- (e) the fresh measures taken/being taken by the Government to stabilize the population in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

- (a) to (c): Yes. The percentage decadal growth rate of the country has declined significantly from 21.5% for the period 1991-2001 to 17.7% during 2001-2011. The State/UT-wise details in this regard may be seen at Annexure-I.
- (d): State/UT-wise details of contraceptive prevalence is placed at Annexure-II.
- (e): Population stabilization has been a key priority area of the Government and it has been vigorously implemented through the National Rural Health Mission launched in the year 2005 in line with the policy framework of population stabilization as envisaged in National Population Policy- 2000, by helping create a robust service delivery mechanism to address the unmet need for family planning. Details of the measures taken by the Government of India and the achievement thereof is placed at Annexure-III.