

Title: Regarding increasing population in the country.

15.28 hrs.

DISCUSSION UNDER RULE 193

Increasing Population in the Country

MR. CHAIRMAN : The House shall now take up Item No.15.

Short Duration Discussion in regard to increasing population in the country is listed in the name of Yogi Aditya Nath and Shri Bachi Singh Rawat. Since both the Members are not present in the House, as per practice, I am calling Shri Prabodh Panda, whose notice secured third position in the ballot, to initiate the discussion.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Sir. I think, this is the first time in the Fourteenth Lok Sabha that a discussion on the problem of increase in population in India has been taken up for debate in this august House. I have noticed that several Members from the NDA benches have given notices for discussion. So, it would have been better if they were present here and contribute something in this discussion.

Sir, let me, at the very outset, say that our country, India, is the second most populous country in the world sustaining 16.7 per cent of the population on 2.4 per cent of the world surface area. Realising the high population growth, India became the first country to formulate national family planning programme in 1952. The 2001 Census showed that population growth fell below two per cent after a decade.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Panda, you will continue your speech later.