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Title : Need to take steps to strengthen family welfare programmes

with a view to mitigate poverty

SHRI S.P.Y. REDDY (NANDYAL): Sir, the growth of population in the country is so phenomenal that it is affecting the development of the country adversely. The growing population in rural areas has been pushing millions of Indians into poverty every year. The Party has been traditionally extending staunch support of family welfare programme and the party should not deviate from the legacy of Panditji, Indrajii and Rajivji on the matters related to population control. Currently the family welfare programme is facing a crisis in the country because of shift in the emphasis from population control to population stabilization. It must be remembered that the latter will only follow the former and not otherwise and wisely included population control in the CMP. I vehemently urge the government to review its decision and support of family welfare programme in full measure otherwise Government will be blamed for supporting the growth of poverty.