

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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*Thursday, August 8, 1985/Sravana
17, 1907 (Saka)*

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven
of the Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Measures to Achieve Seventh Plan
Target of Sterilisation

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*244. SHRI BRAJAMOHAN
MOHANTY :
SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL :

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

(a) whether the Sixth Plan target
of sterilisations and IUD insertions and
conventional contraceptive have not
been achieved and the short-fall is
quite wide and if so, the reasons
thereof ;

(b) whether any analysis has been
made about the performance of the
Government in achieving the Sixth
Plan targets of Family Planning and if
so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether any new strategy is
being adopted to expedite the process
of birth control and to achieve the
Seventh Plan targets which are much

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higher than the targets of the Sixth
Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI
MOSHINA KIDWAI) : (a) to (c) : An
analysis of the performance of the Family
Planning programme during the Sixth
Plan shows that the achievement of
targets was around 80%. The pro-
gramme is constantly appraised, major
problem areas identified and appro-
priate strategic approaches are adopted
for this purpose.

SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY ;
This is number one problem. The
population control is being confronted
by the nation. The Prime Minister
also said at the Press Conference that
the problem of population is number
one problem. We have not achieved
the Sixth Plan target. The analysis
indicates that only 80 per cent targets
were achieved. So, we are adopting a
very ambitious programme in the
Seventh Plan, and some new strategy
has to be adopted. Now, we are giving
Rs. 2 crores, Rs. 2½ crores to the
States who have succeeded in this
programme. Is there any comprehen-
sive programme drawn up by the con-
cerned States who have got the prize
and how they will be distributing it ?
Are the panchayat organisations involv-
ed in this programme ? Are the
panchayat samities in this programme
sharing the work or the prize that is
being given ? What other new strategies
are being adopted so that we can cover
up our limited inadequacy in our
strategy in the Sixth Plan and we can
achieve the target of the Seventh
Plan ?

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI :
The hon. member has mentioned about

the award which we are giving to the States for encouragement, for improving their family planning programmes in their respective States. It is upto the States Governments to decide how they would like to spend the money of the award for the family planning programme and to expand the facilities in the rural areas.

SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY: Is the government considering to adopt one child norm instead of two children norm as is done in China, because the problem is so acute ?

[*Translation*]

SHRI BALKABI BAIRAGI : Hon. Speaker, Sir, what will happen if twins are born ?...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : What do you think, should the twins be counted as one ?...(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI : At present our policy is for two children norm per family because the infant mortality rate is so high in our country and there are other problems also ; so, we cannot adopt one child norm per family.

SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU : Among the States in India, in Rajasthan, the birth rate is the highest and the death rate in Uttar Pradesh is the highest. Is the government adopting any programme to make sterilisation compulsory and is adopting one child per family norm as is done in China ?

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI : We cannot make it compulsory. We have to motivate the people and create a public opinion. We cannot also adopt the policies of other countries. We may adopt a policy which suits our country.

SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Is the Government thinking of granting

an initial incentive of about Rs. 25/- per month to the parents who adopt the family planning as is being done in China ?

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI : We have got some schemes for giving incentives, and there are some schemes for Government servants. But we are trying to do things which suit a majority of the people in this country. We do give incentives, we give one hundred per cent grant to the States to improve their programmes.

It is true that as one hon. Member has said, Rajasthan and four other States are lagging behind, like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Karnataka. We are making special schemes and programme for all those States.

MR. SPEAKER : Kumari Mamata Banerjee. Let us see what a lady says.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Is she authorised to speak on children ?

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE : I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether it is a fact that the funds sanctioned for the Sixth Five Year Plan have not been properly utilised in West Bengal so far as the family planning programmes are concerned ? Is it because of their inability to implement the programmes ? Will the Government consider setting up a high-powered committee to look into the case of West Bengal, because there to no hospital there, there is no family planning centre, there are no doctors, there are no medicines and there are no facilities for women. Will the Government look into these matters seriously ?

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI : We have also received some complaints about some State Governments which are not using the funds properly.

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE :
In West Bengal or anywhere else ?

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI :
The hon. Member is asking about West Bengal, that is why I am answering it.

It is true that there are some complaints that there are no doctors. We are looking into them and I will ask the hon. Member to send me the details in writing so that I can do something.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE :
What about setting up a 50 Horse Power Committee ?

SHRI JAGANNATH RAO : Instead of giving incentives to individuals, would the Government consider giving incentives to a block, that if they can reduce the birth rate in that block over a period of five years, they may be sanctioned a project, some minor irrigation project or some such project, so that the entire population is involved in this ?

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI :
We give rewards to the States. That is why we are asking the State Governments to involve the Panchayats and the other villagers in these programmes.

SHRI JAGANNATH RAO : They are not doing it.

SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY : As far as the family planning programmes are concerned, the Government servants are given incentives by way of increments. By the time of their retirement it comes to about Rs. 2,000/-. But the private citizens get only Rs. 30/- or Rs. 40/-. Will the Government consider enhancing the amount so that it may be at par with what is given to the Government servants who adopt family planning.

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI :
It is a suggestion ; I will see to it.

Mand Thermal Power Plant

[*Translation*]

*245. **SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board has submitted any project report to the Central Government for setting up joint project between Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat State for Mand Thermal Power Plant in Raigarh District ;

(b) whether no coal mine has been linked with this project by the Central Government so far ; and

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in this regard ?

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) : The Mand coal field area is being surveyed by the Geological Survey of India. After this survey is completed the potential of this field will be assessed by the Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Ltd., Ranchi.

[*Translation*]

SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA :
Hon. Speaker, Sir, as the hon. Minister has stated, the Mand Coal-Field area is being surveyed and as long as the survey is not completed, its potential cannot be assessed. Under the circumstances, I want to know from the hon. Minister by when the survey will be completed, how much coal will be required for this project and how much benefit it will yield ?