

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2368  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2016**

**DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES**

**2368. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER:**

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any study to assess the demographic change in various States due to difference of fertility rates between different religions, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government is contemplating two-child policy so that the existing ratio between different religions does not change to large extent; and
- (c) what steps have been taken by Government to encourage population control in certain religions and communities which show a higher population growth rate in the last couple of decades?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

- (a): No. Family Planning programme in India is voluntary irrespective of any caste, creed of religion.
- (b) & (c): Question does not arise.