

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 101  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018**

**EFFECT OF FEMALE STERILIZATION ON WOMENS' HEALTH**

**101. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that female sterilization is the most prevalent form of modern contraception in India;
- (b) whether Government has conducted any survey to look into effects of female sterilization on women's health, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has directed all State Governments to discontinue the process of holding sterilization camps, as directed by the Supreme Court in Devika Biswas vs. Union of India and Others;
- (d) if so, the details of compliance, State-wise, if not, reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether any States are continuing with sterilization camps and the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

- (a): Yes
- (b): No. However, as per WHO Global Handbook, 2018, the only side effect/ health risk is the uncommon to extremely rare occurrence of complications of surgery or anaesthesia.
- (c): Yes.
- (d) & (e): All States Government have complied with the directions.