

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1553  
TO BE ANSWERED ON – 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

**POPULATION STABILIZATION**

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Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to achieve population stabilization in the country;
- (b) whether Government has formulated and implemented any strategy for population control;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the results thereof;
- (d) whether Government proposes to spread the message of family planning and population control through electronic media, schemes or by other sources; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
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(a) **The Government is implementing the following initiatives:**

1. **Expanded Contraceptive Choices:** The current contraceptive basket comprising Condoms, combined oral contraceptive pills, Emergency contraceptive pills, Intrauterine contraceptive device (IUCD) and Sterilization is expanded with inclusion of new contraceptives namely Injectable contraceptive and Centchroman (Chhaya).
2. **Mission Parivar Vikas** is implemented in 13 states for substantially increasing access to contraceptives and family planning services. These states are the seven high focus states (Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Assam) and six North-Eastern states (Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura, Nagaland and Mizoram).

3. **Compensation scheme for sterilization acceptors** which provides compensation for loss of wages to the beneficiaries for sterilization.
4. **Post-pregnancy contraception** in the form of Post-partum Intra-uterine contraceptive device (PPIUCD), Post-Abortion Intrauterine contraceptive device (PAIUCD), and Post-partum Sterilization (PPS) are provided to beneficiaries.
5. **‘World Population Day & Fortnight’ and ‘Vasectomy Fortnight’** are observed every year to boost awareness on Family Planning and service delivery across all States/ UTs.
6. Under **Home Delivery of contraceptives Scheme** ASHAs deliver contraceptives at doorstep of beneficiaries.
7. **Family Planning Logistics Management Information System (FP-LMIS)** is in place to ensure last mile availability of family planning commodities across all the levels of health facilities.

(b) and (c) The Government accords top priority to the National Family Planning Program, which is guided by the tenets of the National Population Policy 2000 and National Health Policy 2017, to address the need of population control.

Efforts of the Government have been successful in reining in the growth of population, and the following progress has been achieved:

- The Total Fertility Rate (TFR) declined to **2.0 in 2019-21** (NFHS 5) which is below replacement level.
- **31 out of 36 States/ UTs** have achieved replacement level fertility of 2.1 or less.
- The **Modern Contraceptive usage** has increased to **56.5%** (NFHS 5).
- **The Unmet Need for Family Planning** has reduced to **9.4%** (NFHS 5).
- The **Crude Birth Rate (CBR)** has declined to **19.5** in 2020 (SRS).

(d) & (e) The Government spreads the message of Family Planning and population control through different modes such as electronic media, mass-media and social media. It also creates awareness on family planning and disseminate holistic information on the existing schemes/ programmes. In addition, National Family Planning Toll-Free Helpline services provide tele-counselling on family planning & contraception to beneficiaries.

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