

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 53  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2023**

**REPORT ON NATIONAL FAMILY HEALTH SURVEY**

**53 SHRI RAKESH SINHA:**

Will the Minister of Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government will consider to broaden the horizon of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) to get the larger picture in view of National Family Health Survey Reports;
- (b) whether it is a fact that NFHS is mostly urban or semi urban-centric;
- (c) the number of people involved in the last survey; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that span of survey and number of people involved are disproportionate and there is a need to rationalise it?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA  
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(a): Yes, the scope of NFHS is enhanced in every round, taking into consideration the emerging issues in health and family welfare domain of the country, requirement of quality data for tracking the ongoing programmes and formulating new policies, and suggestions from various stakeholders, after detailed deliberations in the Technical Advisory Committee and other high-level committees comprising of representatives from concerned Central Ministries and domain knowledge experts.

(b): No, the NFHS is based on an objective and scientific sampling design with a representative sample providing urban and rural estimates at National and State levels.

In NFHS-5 (2019-21), a total of 6,36,699 households were surveyed across India, comprising of 4,76,561 households in Rural areas and 1,60,138 households in Urban areas.

(c): Total 9745 people were involved in the last survey i.e NFHS-5.

(d): No, the span of the survey and the number of people involved are not disproportionate. Each round of NFHS survey is planned and executed based on the requirements by considering all the protocols of survey.

The NFHS survey is carried out in two phases. Each phase comprises of a mapping and listing activity in each of the selected primary sampling units in the States wherein each residential household is listed, which is followed by the main survey in selected households. The manpower involved in the survey are engaged through Field Agencies and decided as per set protocols.

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