

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

**RAJYA SABHA
USTARRED QUESTION NO. 2526
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2024**

POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAMME

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

- a. the steps taken by Government on population control and the details of the specific policies or programs to address the issue;
- b. the status of current population growth rate and its projections for the coming years;
- c. the efforts by Government for promoting family planning and reproductive health education, especially in rural and underserved areas;
- d. the measures taken by Government to ensure the availability and accessibility of contraceptives and family planning services; and
- e. the details of incentives or disincentives implemented to encourage family planning and limit family size?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) The National Family Planning Program is aligned with the National Population Policy 2000 and the National Health Policy 2017 (TFR of 2.1).

The Government focuses on raising awareness about the healthy timing and spacing of pregnancies for the well-being of mothers and children, while also providing for the availability of family planning services. As per the Report of the Technical Group on Population Projections, July 2020, the estimated population growth rate for 2021–2025 is 9.0%.

Various schemes implemented by the Government under the Family Planning Program are listed below:

- i. **Compensation scheme for sterilization acceptors**, is provided to beneficiaries to compensate for the loss of wages incurred.
- ii. **Expanded Contraceptive Choices**, comprises of Condoms, Combined oral contraceptive pills, Emergency contraceptive pills, intrauterine contraceptive device (IUCD) and Sterilization are provided to the beneficiaries. The Contraceptive basket has also been expanded with new contraceptives, namely Injectable contraceptive

- MPA (Antara Programme) and Centchroman (Chhaya).
- iii. **Family Planning Logistics Management Information System (FP-LMIS)** is in place for the management of family planning commodities at all levels of health facilities.
 - iv. **Home Delivery of Contraceptives Scheme by ASHAs.**
 - v. **Mission Parivar Vikas** is implemented in seven high-focussed states and six North-Eastern states to improve access to contraceptives and family planning services.
 - vi. **Post-pregnancy contraception** in the form of Post-Partum Intrauterine Contraceptive Device (PPIUCD), Post-Abortion Intrauterine Contraceptive Device (PAIUCD), and Post-partum Sterilization (PPS) is provided to beneficiaries.
 - vii. **‘World Population Day Campaign’ and ‘Vasectomy Fortnight’** are observed every year to boost awareness on Family Planning and service delivery across all States/ Union Territories.
