

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2039
TO BE ANSWERED ON-18/03/2025**

FERTILITY RATE IN THE COUNTRY

2039: SMT. SAGARIKA GHOSE:

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

- (a) the trend of fertility rate of the country in the last five years;
- (b) whether the fertility rate is declining;
- (c) whether it is a cause of concern;
- (d) whether Government has abandoned the two child policy (Hum do, Humare Do); and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to improve fertility rate of the nation?

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

(a) to (e) As per the National Family Health Survey-4 (2015-16) the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) of the country was 2.2. The TFR is 2.0 as per the National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-21) which is aligned with the National Population Policy 2000 and the National Health Policy 2017.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare focuses on achieving and maintaining replacement levels of fertility by raising awareness about the healthy timing and spacing of pregnancies for the well-being of mother and child, providing for the availability of family planning services, and approving the budgets proposed by the states in the Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) based on their specific needs to manage fertility.

Various schemes implemented by the Government under Family Planning programme are given below-

1. **Expanded Contraceptive Choices** comprises of Condoms, Combined Oral contraceptive pills, Intrauterine Contraceptive Devices (IUCD), Sterilization, Injectable contraceptive MPA (Antara Programme), Centchroman (Chhaya) and Emergency contraceptive pills.

2. **Mission Parivar Vikas** implemented in thirteen states for increasing the access to contraceptives and family planning services.
3. **Compensation scheme for Sterilization acceptors** provides compensation for loss of wages to the beneficiaries for Sterilization.
4. **Post-Pregnancy contraception** in the form of Post-Partum Intrauterine Contraceptive Device (PPIUCD), Post-Abortion Intrauterine Contraceptive Device (PAIUCD), and Post-Partum Sterilization (PPS).
5. **‘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
6. **Home Delivery of Contraceptive Scheme** by ASHAs.
7. **Family Planning Logistics Management Information System (FPLMIS)** to ensure availability of Family Planning commodities across all the levels of health facilities.
