

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 264
TO BE ANSWERED ON-02/12/2025**

POPULATION AND FERTILITY TRENDS IN THE COUNTRY

264 SHRI BABUBHAI JESANGBHAI DESAI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that, as per the State of World Population 2025 report, India's population has reached approximately 1.46 billion and the total fertility rate (TFR) has declined to 1.9 births per woman, below the replacement level of 2.1;
- (b) the implications of a sustained TFR below replacement level on population stability and demographic balance;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to ensure universal access to reproductive health services and contraceptive choices; and
- (d) the projections regarding India's population growth, peak, and possible decline timelines?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) : As per the report of the Technical Group on Population Projections (TGPP) July 2020, chaired by the Registrar General of India (RGI), the projected population of the country, in the year 2025 is 141.33 Crore. As per the National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS 2019-21), Total Fertility Rate (TFR) of India stands at 2.0.

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, and approving the budgets proposed by the States/UTs in the Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) based on their specific needs to manage fertility.

The Government is implementing various schemes under Family Planning Programme across the country. The details are given below -

- i. **Expanded Contraceptive Choices** comprise of Condoms, combined Oral Contraceptive Pill (OCP), Emergency Contraceptive Pills (ECP), Intra-Uterine 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).
- ii. **Mission Parivar Vikas**, is implemented in seven high-focused States and six North-Eastern States to improve access to contraceptives and family planning services.
- iii. **Compensation scheme for sterilization acceptors** is provided to beneficiaries to compensate for the loss of wages incurred.
- iv. **Post-Pregnancy Contraception** in the form of Post Partum Intra-Uterine Contraceptive Device (PP-IUCD), Post Abortion Intra-Uterine Contraceptive Device (PA-IUCD), and Post Partum Sterilization (PPS) is provided to beneficiaries.
- v. **'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.
- vi. Under **Home Delivery of Contraceptives Scheme**, contraceptives are delivered at the doorstep of beneficiaries by ASHAs.
- vii. **Family Planning Logistics Management Information System (FP-LMIS)** is in place for the management of family planning commodities at all levels of health facilities.
