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

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 227 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH MARCH, 2017

JANSANKHYA STHIRATA KOSH

*227. SHRI PREM DAS RAI: DR. BHARATIBEN D. SHYAL:

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

- (a) the activities under the Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh and the success achieved in attaining goals of National Population Policy, 2000;
- (b) the details of the utilisation of the funds allocated in supporting projects, schemes, initiatives and innovative ideas relating to Family Planning;
- (c) whether the United Nations Population Fund has spent several million dollars in India for the population control programmes and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the outcome of population control programmes has not been satisfactory despite spending of so much funds; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 227* FOR 17TH MARCH, 2017

- (a): The activities under the Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh and the success achieved in attaining goals of National Population Policy 2000 are given in **Annexure I**
- (b): The details of the utilization of the funds allocated in supporting projects, Schemes, initiatives and innovative ideas relating to Family Planning are given in **Annexure II**
- (c): The information on funds spent by agencies like UNFPA is not maintained in the Ministry.
- (d): No. It has been satisfactory as the TFR of the country has declined from 2.7 in NFHS III to (2005-06) to 2.2 in NFHS IV (2015-16). As many as 24 states/UTs out of 36 states/UTs have already achieved the milestone of the replacement level fertility of 2.1 or less.
- (e): Does not arise

Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh (JSK) promotes and undertakes activities aimed at achieving population stabilization at a level consistent with the objectives of National Population Policy, 2000.

Activities being undertaken are as under:-

- I. Santushti Strategy
- II. Prerna Strategy
- III. Initiation of National Help Line
- IV. Conducting Advocacy & IEC activities through various media

I. Santushti Strategy

'Santushti' is a scheme for 7 JSK high focus States (Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh & Odisha) which provides private sector gynecologists and vasectomy surgeons an opportunity to conduct sterilization operations under Public Private Partnership (PPP).

II Prerna Strategy

In order to help push up the age of marriage of girls and space the birth of children in the interest of health of young mothers and infants, JSK has launched 'Prerna', a *Responsible Parenthood Strategy* in the above 7 high focus states.

The strategy recognizes and awards couples who have broken the stereotype of early marriage, early childbirth and repeated child births, and have helped change the mindsets of the community.

III. National Help Line

Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh initiated a first of its kind 'National Helpline' in India on Reproductive and Sexual Health, Family Planning and Infant and Child Health. in 2008. The toll-free number is **1800-116-555** which can be accessed from anywhere in India.

IV. Advocacy & IEC activities

JSK regularly undertakes advocacy on the population issues with stakeholders such as adolescents and students, NGOs, communities and national media in high fertility states.

The achievement with respect to National Population Policy (NPP) 2000 goals:

The objective of NPP 2000 was to address the unmet needs for contraception, bring the TFR to replacement level of 2.1 and achieve population stabilization by 2045. Due to the constant efforts of Government and JSK, the national TFR has declined from 2.7 in NFHS-3 (2005-06) to 2.2 in NFHS-4 (2015-16).

Annexure II

Utilization of funds under Family Planning:

a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

| Year | Utilization (Rs. in Lakhs) |
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| 2015-16 | 77057 |

b) JSK

| Year | Utilization (Rs. in Lakhs) |
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| 2015-16 | 691.04 |