

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4265  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2017**

**POPULATION CONTROL POLICY**

**4265. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:  
SHRI D.K. SURESH:**

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

- (a) whether the population of India is expected to take the top position by overtaking China by 2050, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to study the various aspects of it by setting up an expert group, if so, the response of the Government thereon; and
- (c) whether the Government is considering a population control policy along the lines of that which is in effect in China, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a): As per Registrar General of India the projected population for India is available upto 2026 on the basis of Census 2001. The report states that the projected population of India for 2026 will be 139.98 Crores.

(b): No, the Government does not have any such proposal.

(c): No, The Government does not have any such proposal since India is a signatory to the ICPD declaration of 1994 which unequivocally advocates target free approach and honouring of reproductive rights of couples to decide freely and responsibly the number and spacing of their children.