

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1384
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2023**

POPULATION EXPLOSION

1384. DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:

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

- (a) whether it is true that India is ahead of China and has achieved the number one position having about 142.3 crore population according to latest World Population Survey report;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps/measures to control/curb population explosion in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) and (b) As per report of the Technical Group on Population Projections (TGPP) July 2020, chaired by Registrar General of India (RGI), the projected population of the country, in the year 2023 is 138.81 crore.

(c) to (e) The Government accords top priority to the National Family Planning Program, which is guided by the tenets of the National Population Policy 2000 and National Health Policy 2017, to address the unmet need for Family Planning.

Steps taken by the Government to curb the population growth are:

1. **Expanded Contraceptive Choices** with inclusion of new contraceptives namely Injectable contraceptive (Antara programme) and Centchroman (Chhaya).
2. **Mission Parivar Vikas (MPV)** is implemented in 13 states for substantially increasing access to contraceptives and family planning services.
3. **Compensation scheme for sterilization acceptors** which provides compensation for loss of wages to the beneficiary and also to the service provider team for conducting sterilization.
4. **Post-pregnancy contraception** in the form of Post-partum Intra-uterine contraceptive device (PPIUCD), Post-Abortion Intrauterine contraceptive device (PAIUCD), and Post-partum Sterilization (PPS) are provided to beneficiaries.
5. Scheme for **Home Delivery of contraceptives** by ASHAs at doorstep of beneficiaries.
6. **Family Planning Logistics Management Information System (FP-LMIS)** to ensure last mile availability of family planning commodities across all the levels of health facilities.

The Government has been successful in curbing the growth of population, and the following progress has been achieved:

- The Total Fertility Rate (TFR) declined to **2.0 in 2019-21** (NFHS 5) which is below replacement level.
- **31 out of 36 States/ UTs** have achieved replacement level fertility (NFHS 5).
- The **Modern Contraceptive usage** has increased to **56.5%** (NFHS 5).
- **The Unmet Need for Family Planning** has decreased to **9.4%** (NFHS 5).
- The **Crude Birth Rate (CBR)** has declined to **19.5** in 2020 (SRS).
