

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3691  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023**

**POLICY FOR POPULATION CONTROL**

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

(a) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps for implementation of a stringent policy regarding population control and set targets to control population explosion likely in next 50 years, due to continuous growth in population;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(PROF. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) to (c) 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:**

1. **Expanded Contraceptive Choices:** The current contraceptive basket comprising Condoms, Combined oral contraceptive pills, Emergency contraceptive pills, Intrauterine contraceptive device (IUCD) and Sterilization is expanded with inclusion of new contraceptives namely Injectable contraceptive MPA (Antara Programme) and Centchroman (Chhaya).

2. **Mission Parivar Vikas** is being implemented in thirteen 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 beneficiaries for 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. **‘World Population Day & Fortnight’ and ‘Vasectomy Fortnight’** are observed every year to boost awareness on Family Planning and service delivery across all States/ UTs.

6. Under **Home Delivery of contraceptives, Scheme** ASHAs deliver contraceptives at doorstep of beneficiaries.

7. **Family Planning Logistics Management Information System (FP-LMIS)** is in place to ensure last mile availability of family planning commodities across all the levels of health facilities.

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

- The **Total Fertility Rate** declined from **2.2 in 2015-16** (NFHS 4) 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 from **47.8% in 2015-16** (NFHS 4) to **56.5% in 2019-21** (NFHS 5)
- The **Unmet Need for Family Planning** has decreased from **12.9% in 2015-16** (NFHS 4) to **9.4% in 2019-21** (NFHS 5)
- The **Crude Birth Rate (CBR)** has declined from **20.8 in 2015** (SRS) to **19.5 in 2020** (SRS).

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