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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3845 TO BE ANSWERED ON-11/08/2023

PROMOTION OF MALE VASECTOMY

3845. SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the proportion of male sterilization which is presently less than five percent to 30 percent as per in the National Health Policy 2017 and if so, the details of steps taken in this regard;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to promote Reversible inhibition of sperm under guidance (RISUG) a non-surgical vasectomy method and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to expand contraceptive options for men in the near future within the public health system;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to leverage male Multi-Purpose Workers (MPWs) under 1.5 lakh Ayushman Bharat Health & Wellness Centres (HWCs) by engaging the cadre to promote family planning methods; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with present status of recruitment and capacity building of male MPWs, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The steps taken by the Government to increase the proportion of male sterilization are-
 - 1) Observation of 'Vasectomy Fortnight' in the month of November every year in all States/UTs of India to raise awareness on male participation and promotion of male sterilization.
 - 2) Training of service providers in No Scalpel Vasectomy (NSV) to enhance the pool of service providers.
 - 3) Four campaigns of extensive mobilization activities and vasectomy services each year in thirteen Mission Parivar Vikas states.
 - 4) Increased compensation for male sterilization under the Enhanced compensation scheme for sterilization, and under Mission Parivar Vikas.
 - 5) A Holistic media approach underlining the role of men in family planning to encourage men to adopt family planning methods.

(b) The Government has no such proposal at present.

(c) and (d) Male Multi-Purpose Workers (MPWs) under NHM, undertake the following activities with respect to Family Planning:

- Identification, registration of eligible couples and community needs assessment for Family Planning services.
- Awareness generation about the availability of Family Planning services and schemes (Compensation scheme, Family Planning indemnity scheme, etc.)
- Counselling on contraceptive services and Healthy Timing and Spacing of births.

The data on recruitment and capacity building of Male Multi-Purpose Workers (MPWs) is maintained at the State level.
