

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1063
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th DECEMBER, 2023**

MEASURES TO CONTROL POPULATION

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has surpassed China as the world's most populous country during the year 2023 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that population growth will put additional pressure on resources and pose serious challenges to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any strategy/policy to take stern/coercive actions to control the population in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
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- (a) to (c) As per report of Technical Group on Population Projection (TGPP) July 2020, Chaired by Registrar General of India (RGI) the projected population of the country, in the year 2023 is 138.81 Crores. The projected population growth rates are 12.8 per thousand population between 2011-15 and 7.3 per thousand population between 2026-30.

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. 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).

Considering the success achieved in the Family Planning Programme there is no proposal at present to formulate any other policy/strategy in the country.
