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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 940
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2023

RATIONALIZING NFHS

940. SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL (BAKABHAI):
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Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people involved in the last survey of National Family Health Survey;
- (b) whether it is a fact that NFHS is mostly urban/semi urban-centric and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to broaden the horizon of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) in order to get a larger picture of National Family Health Survey Reports and if so, the steps taken in this regard; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that the span of survey and number of people involved are disproportionate and there is a need to rationalise it and if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (d): Total 9745 people were involved in the last survey i.e. NFHS-5.

The NFHS is based on an objective and scientific sampling design with a representative sample providing urban and rural estimates at National, State and District level. In NFHS-5 (2019-21), a total of 6,36,699 households were surveyed across India, comprising of 4,76,561 households in Rural areas and 1,60,138 households in Urban areas.

The scope of NFHS is enhanced in every round, taking into consideration the emerging issues in health and family welfare domain of the country, requirement of quality data for tracking the ongoing programmes and formulating new policies, and suggestions from

various stakeholders, after detailed deliberations in the Technical Advisory Committee and other high-level committees comprising of representatives from concerned Central Ministries and domain knowledge experts.

The span of the survey and the number of people involved are not disproportionate. Each round of NFHS survey is planned and executed based on the requirements by considering all the protocols of survey. The NFHS survey is carried out in two phases. Each phase comprises of a mapping and listing activity in each of the selected primary sampling units in the States wherein each residential household is listed, which is followed by the main survey in selected households. The manpower involved in the survey are engaged through Field Agencies and decided as per set protocols.
