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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1262
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th FEBRUARY, 2024

CHALLENGES OF POPULATION GROWTH

1262. SHRIMATI DELKAR KALABEN MOHANBHAI:

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

(a) whether India has overtaken China as the country with the largest population in the world in 2023 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether concrete policies have been formulated to control the population in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the rise in population is likely to put additional burden on resources and pose challenges for United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

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

(a) to (d) 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 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 in the country.

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