

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1054
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND NOVEMBER, 2019**

POPULATION CONTROL

**1054. SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:
SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:
SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:
SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:
SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to sensitize people and make them aware of the need for population control, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any scheme/prepared any action plan/taken steps for population control due to constraints of land and other resources on account of growing population, if so, the details thereof and the achievements as on date and the extent to which further population control is likely to be brought through this scheme/action plan/steps in the future;
- (c) whether the said scheme requires improvement by the Government, if so, the details thereof and the comprehensive action plan of the Government in this regard; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to make a law for population control in India, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
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(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a): The Government is taking several steps to sensitize people and generate awareness of the need for population control. Some of the important initiatives are as follows:

- (i) **360 degree media campaign-** The first phase of the campaign was launched in 2016 and the present second phase comprising TV Commercials, posters and hoardings, yearlong Radio show, and a dedicated website on Family Planning was launched in 2017;
- (ii) **World Population Day & fortnight** as well as **Vasectomy Fortnight** are observed every year to boost awareness.
- (iii) **Promotional activities** like Saas bahu sammelans, Nayi Pehel Kits, Mobile publicity vans, and advocacy meetings are undertaken to increase awareness in high fertility Mission Parivar Vikas districts.

(b): The Government is implementing various schemes for improving access to quality family planning services, details of which are placed in Annexure.

As a result of these efforts, the country is knocking on the door of replacement level fertility and is on track to achieve TFR 2.1 by 2025.

Achievements:

- The Total Fertility Rate (TFR) has declined to 2.2 (SRS 2017).
- The Crude Birth Rate has declined from 23.8 to 20.2 from 2005 to 2017 (SRS).
- The Teenage birth rate has halved from 16% (NFHS III) to 8% (NFHS IV).

(c): In order to improve programme implementation, the Government is focussing on:

- High fertility districts,
- Giving emphasis on spacing methods,
- Improvement in quality of services and
- Intensive monitoring.

(d): The Government does not have such a proposal at present since India is signatory to the ICPD declaration of 1994 held in Cairo (International Conference on Population and Development) which unequivocally advocates voluntary informed choice and honouring reproductive rights of couples to decide freely and responsibly the number and spacing of their children.

ANNEXURE

STEPS BEING TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR POPULATION CONTROL:

1. **Mission Parivar Vikas-** The Government has launched Mission Parivar Vikas for substantially increasing access to contraceptives and family planning services in 146 high fertility districts with Total Fertility Rate (TFR) of 3 and above in seven high focus states. These districts are from the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Assam that itself constitutes 44% of the country's population.
2. **New Contraceptive Choices-** New contraceptives viz. Injectable contraceptive and Centchroman have been added to the existing basket of choices.
3. A new method of IUCD insertion immediately after delivery i.e. **post-partum IUCD (PPIUCD)** has been introduced.
4. **Redesigned Contraceptive Packaging** - The packaging for Condoms, OCPs and ECPs has now been improved and redesigned so as to increase the demand for these commodities.
5. **Compensation scheme for sterilization acceptors** - Under the scheme MoHFW provides compensation for loss of wages to the beneficiary and also to the service provider (& team) for conducting sterilizations.
6. **Clinical Outreach Teams (COT) Scheme** - The scheme has been launched in 146 Mission Parivar Vikas districts for providing Family planning services through mobile teams from accredited organizations in far-flung, underserved and geographically difficult areas.
7. Scheme for **Home delivery of contraceptives by ASHAs** at doorstep of beneficiaries.
8. Scheme for **ASHAs to Ensure spacing in births.**
9. Scheme for provision of **Pregnancy Testing Kits** in the drug kits of ASHAs for use in communities.
10. **Family Planning Logistic Management and Information System (FP-LMIS):** A dedicated software to ensure smooth forecasting, procurement and distribution of family planning commodities across all the levels of health facilities.
11. **National Family Planning Indemnity Scheme (NFPIS)** under which clients are insured in the eventualities of death, complication and failure following sterilization.
12. Ensuring quality of care in Family Planning services by establishing **Quality Assurance Committees** in all states and districts.
13. Appointment of dedicated **RMNCH+A counselors** at high case load facilities.
14. Improved Demand generation activities through a **360 degree media campaign.**