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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2059 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2019

POPULATION GROWTH

2059. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE: MS. MALA ROY:

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

- (a) whether India is expected to overtake China as the world's most populous country around 2027, as per World Population Prospects 2019 report;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the rate of population growth in the country;
- (c) the details of States/UTs having fertility rate more than two and the manner in which the Government proposes to bring down population in these States/UTs; and
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any study with regard to impact of awareness programme on population control, if so, the details thereof and its outcome thereon?

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

(a) & (b): As per 'World Population Prospects 2019' report, India is expected to overtake China as the world's most populous country around 2027;

As per Census 2011, the country's Decadal Growth Rate between 2001 and 2011 was 17.7%;

(c): Details of States/ UTs having Total Fertility Rate (TFR) more than 2 are placed at Annexure I.

The initiatives taken by the Government to bring down poulation in these States/ UTs are placed at Annexure II.

- (d): The Government conducts periodic surveys viz. the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) and the Sample Registration System (SRS) to study the impact of various awareness programmes being conducted. The key findings of the surveys are as follows:
 - The Total Fertility Rate (TFR) has declined from 2.9 in 2005 to 2.2 in 2017 (SRS)
 - The Wanted Fertility Rate has declined from 1.9 in NFHS III to 1.8 in NFHS IV.
 - The Crude Birth Rate (CBR) 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)

Details of States/ UTs having Total Fertility Rate (TFR) more than 2

States having TFR > 2	
India	2.2
Arunachal Pradesh	2.1
Assam	2.3
Bihar	3.4
Chhattisgarh	2.2
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2.3
Haryana	2.1
Jharkhand	2.6
Madhya Pradesh	2.3
Manipur	2.6
Meghalaya	3.0
Mizoram	2.3
Nagaland	2.7
Odisha	2.1
Rajasthan	2.4
Uttar Pradesh	2.7
Uttarakhand	2.1

Source: NFHS IV

Initiatives taken by the Government to bring down poulation in States/ UTs

- 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.
- 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.**