

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1060
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7th FEBRUARY, 2020**

CHECK ON INCREASING POPULATION

**1060. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:
SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:
SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take any steps to check the increasing population in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof as on date, State/ UT-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (c): Steps taken by the Government to check the increasing population in the country across all States/ UTs are placed at Annexure.

Steps undertaken by the Government to check the increasing population in the country:

1. **Mission Parivar Vikas**- The Government has launched Mission Parivar Vikas on 10th November 2016 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 (57), Bihar (37), Rajasthan (14), Madhya Pradesh (25), Chhattisgarh (2), Jharkhand (9) and Assam (2) that itself constitutes 44% of the country's population.
2. **New Contraceptive Choices**- New contraceptives viz. Injectable contraceptive (Antara program) and Centchroman (Chhaya) have been added to the existing basket of choices in 2015-16.
3. A new method of IUCD insertion immediately after delivery i.e. **post-partum IUCD (PPIUCD)** has been introduced in 2010. PPIUCD incentive scheme has been operational wef 01.01.2014.
4. Appointment of dedicated **RMNCH+A counselors** at high case load facilities since 2013.
5. **Clinical Outreach Teams (COT) Scheme** - The scheme has been launched in 146 Mission Parivar Vikas districts wef December 2017 for providing family planning services through mobile teams from accredited organizations in far-flung, underserved and geographically difficult areas.
6. Scheme for **Home delivery of contraceptives by ASHAs** at doorstep of beneficiaries launched in August 2011.
7. Scheme for **ASHAs to Ensure spacing in births** launched on 16th May 2012- The scheme is being implemented in 18 states of the country (8 EAG, 8 North East, Gujarat and Haryana). Additionally the spacing component has been approved in West Bengal, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Punjab, Maharashtra, Daman Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli.
8. Scheme for provision of **Pregnancy Testing Kits** in the drug kits of ASHAs for use in communities. The Scheme was introduced in 2013.
9. **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. The package was enhanced in November 2014 for 11 high focus high TFR states (8 EAG, Assam, Gujarat, Haryana), and further increased in November 2016 under Mission Parivar Vikas.
10. **Observation of World Population Day & fortnight** from July 11 - July 24 to boost Family Planning efforts all over the country.
11. **Observation of Vasectomy Fortnight** from November 21 - December 4 in an effort to enhance male participation and revitalize the NSV programme, whereby male sterilization services would be provided to clients at health facilities.
12. Improved Demand generation activities through a **holistic media campaign** including mass media, mid media and inter personal communication.
13. **Redesigned Contraceptive Packaging** - The packaging for Condoms, OCPs and ECPs has been improved and redesigned since 2015 in order to increase the demand for these commodities.
14. Ensuring quality of care in Family Planning services by establishing **Quality Assurance Committees** in all states and districts.
15. **National Family Planning Indemnity Scheme (NFPIS)** under which clients are insured in the eventualities of death, complication and failure following sterilization. The scheme was introduced in 2005 and implemented through an insurance company. It was revised in 2013 and is now being operated by the state governments directly with NHM funding.
16. **Family Planning Logistic Management and Information System (FP-LMIS):** A dedicated software launched in 2017, to ensure smooth forecasting, procurement and distribution of family planning commodities across all the levels of health facilities.