

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4522
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2020**

NATIONAL HEALTH POLICY

4522. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase the proportion of male sterilisation from the current 5 to 30 percent in accordance with the National Health Policy 2017, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to promote Reversible Inhibition of Sperm under Guidance (RISUG), a non-surgical vasectomy method and also plans to expand contraceptive options for men in the near future within the public health system, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to leverage male Multipurpose workers under Ayushman Bharat's 1.5 lakh Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) by engaging the cadre to promote family planning; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including status of recruitment and capacity building of male MPWs?

ANSWER

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

- (a): Various initiatives are undertaken by the Government to increase the proportion of male sterilization, such as-
- 1) Observation of 'Vasectomy Fortnight' in the month of November every year all over the country to raise awareness on male participation and promotion of male sterilization.
 - 2) Training of service providers in No Scalpel Vasectomy (NSV) to enhance the pool of service providers.
 - 3) Four campaigns of extensive mobilization activities and assured vasectomy services each year in 146 Mission Parivar Vikas districts.
 - 4) Increased compensation for male sterilization under the Enhanced compensation scheme for sterilization, and under Mission Parivar Vikas Scheme.
 - 5) A holistic media campaign underlining the role of men in family planning to encourage men to adopt family planning methods.
- (b): The Government does not have any such proposal at present.
- (c) & (d): Yes, family planning is included in the curriculum for male Multipurpose Health Workers.

As per RHS 2019, against sanctioned posts of 82857 male MPWs, 59348 are in position.