INFERTILITY AMONG INDIAN COUPLE

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

(a) whether the number of Indian couples affected by infertility is increasing, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the number of Indian couples affected by infertility is higher in urban areas to rural areas along with the reasons behind the same;

(c) the data depicting the number of Indian couples gone through In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) treatment in last four years;

(d) whether the Government has taken/proposed any steps to subsidize the IVF treatment for the rural population, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government is planning to direct the Health Insurance Companies to cover the IVF treatment and if not, the reason therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) to (c): No such data is maintained in Department of Health Research/ICMR.

(d) & (e): Health is a State subject. Government of India takes initiatives for betterment of health infrastructure in the country on continuous basis.