

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1106
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD DECEMBER 2021**

INFERTILITY AMONG INDIAN COUPLE

1106. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

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
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(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.