

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1704
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH FEBRUARY, 2022**

EFFECTIVENESS OF TWO CHILD POLICY

1704. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring two child policy, if so, whether the Union Government has been informed by various States including Assam before framing laws on population control for making provision of stringent action against those who would not follow two child policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in view of the Government, such a law would be more effective in population control or awareness and education may play vital role in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government is aware of the fact that such law failed in China at various levels forcing it to change its policy and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
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(a) to (d)

The Government is implementing the Family Planning programme in line with the policy framework of population stabilization as envisaged in the **National Population Policy (NPP-2000)**, by creating a robust service delivery and demand side mechanism to address the unmet needs for family planning.

The programme received a further boost through holistic and comprehensive planning under the **National Health Mission (NHM)**.

The **National Health Policy (NHP) 2017** also provides policy guidance and sets out indicative, quantitative goals and objectives for population stabilization.

As a result of the Government's initiatives:

- The **Total Fertility Rate (TFR)** has declined to **2.0 in 2019-21** (NFHS 5) which is below replacement level.
- **31 out of 36 States/ UTs** have achieved replacement level fertility of 2.1 or less (NFHS 5).
- The **Modern Contraceptive usage** has increased to **56.5%** (NFHS 5).
- **The Unmet Need for Family Planning** has declined to **9.4%** (NFHS 5).
- The **Crude Birth Rate (CBR)** has declined to **19.7** in 2019 (SRS).