

has put in place a National Family Welfare Programme which provides a comprehensive package of services. The Government has already taken several steps to provide Family Welfare Services to the people while also attempting to stabilise the population of the country. Some of the services include:—

- (i) An integrated and holistic programme of Reproductive and Child Health that include Maternal Health, Child Health and contraception issues, launched in October, 1997;
- (ii) Information, Education and Communication Programmes to create awareness about the benefits of small family;
- (iii) Provision of contraception through sub-centres, primary health centres, community health centres and hospitals;
- (iv) Assistance to States/UTs to maintain certain Family Welfare infrastructure;
- (v) Assistance to Voluntary Organisations and NGOs for implementing family welfare programmes.
- (vi) A National Population Policy is under formulation by the Government.

**Space Problem in Central Institute of Orthopaedics**

1027. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Institute of Orthopaedics is one of the few institutions in North India, where people with serious orthopaedic problems come for relief;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the rooms are crammed with hospital junks and the corridor is over-crowded and stinking; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to provide more space to the CIO and to remove the shortcomings existing therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The rooms are not crammed with hospital junk. However, the corridor becomes over-crowded during OPD hours due to a large number of patients and attendants.

(c) At present, there is no proposal to provide more space to CIO.