

The strategy is also to promote male participation in Family Planning. Population stabilization requires greater convergent action to influence the wider determinants of health care like female literacy, sanitation, nutrition, gender and social empowerment, early childhood development, marriage after 18, spacing of children and behavioural changes etc.

The following specific initiatives have been taken in pursuance of the objectives of NPP 2000/NRHM towards population stabilisation:—

- National Family Planning Insurance Scheme has been started since November, 2005 to compensate the sterilization acceptors for failures, complications and deaths and also provides indemnity insurance cover to doctors.
- Compensation Package for Sterilization was increased in September, 2007 in family planning *i.e.* in Vasectomy from Rs. 800/- to Rs. 1500/- and tubectomy from Rs. 800/- to Rs. 1000/- in public facilities and to a uniform amount of Rs. 1500/- in accredited private health facilities for all categories in all States for vasectomy.
- Promoting acceptance of No Scalpel Vasectomy to ensure male participation.
- Promoting IUD 380A intensively as a spacing method because of its longevity of 10 years and advantages over other IUDs.
- Fixed day Fixed Place Family Planning Services round the year made possible on account of growing number of 24x7 PHCs and better functioning CHCs and other health facilities under NRHM.

Re-emergence of measles

935. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there are signs of re-emergence of measles, the highly contagious viral disease which mostly affects children; and

(b) if so, the details of action plan to prevent it?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) As per the available data there is no re-emergence of measles, although there has been an improvement in reporting of measles cases with strengthening of surveillance in some State. Government of India is currently providing single dose of measles vaccine to infants at 9 months under routine immunization. It is planned to provide a second dose of measles vaccine to further measles cases and deaths.

Withdrawal of cashless mediclaim facility by insurance companies

936. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the private insurance companies have withdrawn cashless hospitalization facility;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether these mediclaim insurance policies have become almost redundant; and