

Reviewing of National Population Policy, 2000

1068. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether Government is planning to review or amend the National Population Policy, 2000 and, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): No, there is no proposal to review or amend the National Population Policy, 2000. Further, in pursuance of NPP 2000, Government has taken a number of measures under Family Planning Programme and as a result Population Growth Rate in India has reduced substantially which is evident from the following:

- (i) The percentage decadal growth rate of the country has declined significantly from 21.5% for the period 1991-2001 to 17.7% during 2001-2011.
- (ii) Total Fertility Rate (TFR) was 3.2 at the time when National Population Policy, 2000 was adopted and the same has declined to 2.3 as per Sample Registration Survey (SRS) 2013 conducted by the Registrar General of India.

Shortage of Human Albumin Serum

1069. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that patients suffering from liver diseases are reeling under the acute shortage of the life saving drug, Human Albumin Serum, across the country, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has asked the producers of this particular drug to flood with stock through their retail network, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) and (b) Some shortage of Human Albumin Serum has been reported in the recent past. NPPA, keeping this in view, issued an order *vide* Gazette Notification S.O. 2292(E) dated 09.09.2014 directing manufactures/importers concerned of the drugs to submit a compliance report about having addressed the issue of shortage of certain essential medicines including albumin injection. NPPA also convened a meeting with major companies, namely, M/s Reliance Life Science and M/s Baxter on 20.01.2015 and reviewed the position with regard to the supply of albumin injection in the country.