

Government programmes to encourage sterilisation

1530. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) state-wise number of operational sterilisation centres;
- (b) gender-wise, State-wise number of sterilisations undertaken;
- (c) whether Government has commissioned a study to understand the reasons behind this disparity;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) what programmes Government has planned to encourage men to undergo sterilisation, given that a vasectomy is an easier process than a tubectomy;
- (g) whether Government plans to recruit male health workers;
- (h) if so, the details thereof; and
- (i) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL): (a) As per Government of India guidelines, sterilization can be conducted at established health care facilities with functional operation theatres. Health being a state subject, this list is maintained by respective State Governments.

(b) Details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) to (e): No, the Government has not commissioned any study on the reasons for this disparity as the Family Planning Programme in India is voluntary in nature and the Government promotes all family planning choices including female sterilization equally. It is the prerogative of the clients to choose a family planning method as per their reproductive rights and the Government provides the services free of cost in all public health and accredited private/ NGO facilities as per the demand.

(f) The initiatives undertaken by the Government to promote male sterilization in the country are:—

1. 'Vasectomy Fortnight' is being observed in the month of November every year in all States of India to raise awareness on male participation and promotion of male sterilization.

2. Training of service providers in No Scalpel Vasectomy (NSV) to enhance the pool of service providers.
3. Under the enhanced compensation scheme for sterilization, the compensation for male sterilization has been substantially increased.
4. A 360 degree media campaign underlining the role of men in family planning has been rolled out to encourage men to adopt FP methods.

(g) to (i) Health is a State subject, and recruiting Male Health Workers is the prerogative of the State Governments.

Statement

Details of female and male sterilization conducted in 2017-18

State	Female sterilization	Male sterilization
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	693	0
Andhra Pradesh	192,678	1,153
Arunachal Pradesh	836	1
Assam	34,975	2,649
Bihar	474,071	2,576
Chandigarh	2,248	37
Chhattisgarh	53,966	7,066
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	1,256	7
Daman and Diu	283	1
Delhi	16,514	491
Goa	2,435	12
Gujarat	324,284	2,203
Haryana	62,090	1,682
Himachal Pradesh	12,326	888
Jammu and Kashmir	12,404	357
Jharkhand	99,820	1,586
Karnataka	306,232	912
Kerala	60,125	696
Lakshadweep	57	0
Madhya Pradesh	299,274	3,727

State	Female sterilization	Male sterilization
Maharashtra	404,178	11,629
Manipur	669	73
Meghalaya	2,605	9
Mizoram	1,308	1
Nagaland	1,556	8
Odisha	86,541	1,148
Puducherry	7,431	5
Punjab	35,608	1,151
Rajasthan	245,965	2,559
Sikkim	119	5
Tamil Nadu	255,858	2,401
Telangana	68,985	3,616
Tripura	2,617	13
Uttar Pradesh	256,641	3,994
Uttarakhand	12,400	403
West Bengal	171,825	4,477
TOTAL	3,510,873	57,536

Display of available stock of medicines by hospitals

1531. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has written to all the States and Union Territories (UTs) to make public what medicines the respective hospitals and dispensaries have in store and to put a board outside the hospital premises about the availability or non availability of medicines along with their expiry date; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) and (b) "Public Health and Hospitals" being a State subject, the primary responsibility to ensure the availability and display of essential medicines at the public health facilities is that of respective State and UT Governments. Under the National Health Mission (NHM), support is provided to the States/UTs for strengthening their healthcare delivery system