

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2493  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2021**

**IMPACT OF POPULATION ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**2493. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV**

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

- (a) whether the country is getting trapped in a serious crisis due to immense pressure of population resulting in imbalance in available resources, overall development and provision of all kinds of services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that as a result of population explosion, youths in the country are facing a severe crisis with regard to employment opportunities despite untiring efforts by Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (d) Increase in population leads to constraints on resources and health care facilities. It is in this context that Government of India has initiated multiple interventions to address this issue.

As a result of the Government's initiatives for controlling the Population;

- The TFR of the country has declined from 2.9 in 2005 to 2.2 in 2018 (SRS)
- 28 out of 36 States/UTs have already achieved the replacement level fertility of 2.1 or less
- The Crude Birth Rate (CBR) has declined from 23.8 in 2005 to 20.0 in 2018 (SRS)
- The Decadal growth rate has declined from 21.54% in 1990-2000 to 17.64% during 2001-11(RGI)
- India's Wanted Fertility Rate has declined from 1.9 in NFHS III to 1.8 in NFHS IV