

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2991
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH MARCH, 2022**

LEGISLATION ON POPULATION CONTROL

2991. SHRI NARESH BANSAL:

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the increasing population of the country is such a menace which has hampered the development cycle for a long time and we are facing shortage of resources even when they are available in ample quality;
- (b) the steps being taken by Government in this direction and whether there is any plan to make law over it;
- (c) if so, the detail thereof; and
- (d) if not, the steps being taken to find out the solution to this problem through positive discussion and deliberation?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
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(a) to (d): Increase in population leads to constraints on resources. It is in this context that Government of India has initiated multiple interventions to address this issue, namely:

1. **Mission Parivar Vikas** is implemented in 13 states for substantially increasing access to contraceptives and family planning services. These states are the seven high focus states (Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Assam) and six North-Eastern states (Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura, Nagaland and Mizoram).

2. **Expanded Contraceptive Choices:** The current contraceptive basket comprising Condoms, Combined oral contraceptive pills, Emergency contraceptive pills, Intrauterine contraceptive device (IUCD) and Sterilization is expanded with inclusion of new contraceptives namely Injectable contraceptive and Centchroman (Chhaya).
3. **Compensation scheme for sterilization acceptors** which provides compensation for loss of wages to the beneficiary for sterilization.
4. **Post-partum Intrauterine contraceptive device (PPIUCD)** services are provided post delivery.
5. Scheme for **Home Delivery of contraceptives** by ASHAs at doorstep of beneficiaries is in place.
6. **Family Planning Logistics Management Information System (FP-LMIS):** A dedicated software to ensure smooth forecasting, procurement and distribution of family planning commodities across all the levels of health facilities.

Efforts of the Government have been instrumental in reining in the growth of population, and the following progress has been achieved:

- The Total Fertility Rate (TFR) declined to **2.0 in 2019-21** (NFHS 5) which is below replacement level.
- **31 out of 36 States/ UTs** have achieved replacement level fertility (NFHS 5).
- The **Modern Contraceptive usage** has increased to **56.5%** (NFHS 5).
- **The Unmet Need for Family Planning** is only **9.4%** (NFHS 5).
- The **Crude Birth Rate (CBR)** has declined to **19.7** in 2019 (SRS).
