

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1860
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2022**

DECLINE IN TOTAL FERTILITY RATE

1860. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Total Fertility Rate (TFR), an average number of children per woman, has further declined from 2.2 to 2.0 at the national level between National Family Health Survey (NFHS) 4 and 5, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the main objective of successive rounds of the NFHS has been to provide reliable and comparable data relating to health and family welfare and other emerging areas in the country, if so, the details of present status thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) As per the fifth round of National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) during the year 2019-21, the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) has declined to 2.0 children per woman from 2.2 children per woman as per the fourth round of NFHS conducted during the year 2015-16, resulting in the achievement of the replacement level of fertility, which is 2.1 children per woman.

(b) The MoHFW conducts one integrated survey namely NFHS at an interval of about 3 years and so far, completed five rounds of survey. NFHS provides high quality, reliable and comparable data on population dynamics and health indicators as well as data on emerging issues in health and family welfare and associated domains, so as to assist the policy-makers and programme implementing agencies for setting the benchmarks. NFHS also provides evidence on the effectiveness of ongoing programmes, which are implemented by the Government of India.

The progress of some of the key Health & Family Welfare Indicators as per NFHS-5 as compare to NFHS-4 are as follows:

Sl. No.	Indicator	NFHS-5 (2019-21)	NFHS-4 (2015-16)
	Fertility and Family Planning		
1	Total Fertility Rate (TFR)	2.0	2.2
2	Women age 15-19 years who were already mothers or pregnant at the time of the survey (%)	6.8	7.9
3	Current Use of Family Planning Methods-Any method (%)	66.7	53.5
4	Current Use of Family Planning Methods-Any modern method (%)	56.4	47.8
5	Total unmet need for Family Planning (%)	9.4	12.9
	Maternity and Delivery Care		
6	Mothers who had an antenatal check-up in the first trimester (%)	70.0	58.6
7	Mothers who had at least 4 antenatal care visits (%)	58.5	51.2
8	Mothers who received postnatal care from a doctor/nurse/LHV/ANM/midwife/other health personnel within 2 days of delivery (%)	78.0	62.4
9	Institutional births (%)	88.6	78.9
	Child Vaccination and Child Feeding Practices		
10	Children age 12-23 months fully vaccinated based on information from either vaccination card or mother's recall (%)	76.6	62.0
11	Children under age 6 months exclusively breastfed (%)	63.7	54.9
	Infant and Child Mortality Rates (per 1000 live births)		
12	Neonatal Mortality Rate (NNMR)	24.9	29.5
13	Infant Mortality Rate (IMR)	35.2	40.7
14	Under-five Mortality Rate (U5MR)	41.9	49.7

Source: NFHS-4 and NFHS-5 National report; <http://rchiips.org/nfhs/index.shtml>
