

QUESTION DETAILS

MINISTRY OF : HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1182

TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.07.2019

Female sterilization

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:-

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(a) whether Government has taken appropriate steps to reduce the burden of female sterilization and if so, details thereof including details regarding vasectomy rate and female sterilization rate, State-wise, during last three years;

(b) whether Government is planning to expand the basket of choices by introducing implants, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the present eight methods are sufficient to cater to the needs of family planning in such a large population, if so, details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has studied about number of contraceptive methods, available in South Asia, if so, details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a): Yes, the initiatives undertaken by the Government to reduce the burden of female sterilization in the country are:-

1. Three new spacing methods have been added to the Basket of choice viz. Injectable contraceptive under Antara program, Non-hormonal oral contraceptive pill Chhaya and Progesterone Only Pills (in pilot mode).
2. A new method of Intra-Uterine Contraceptive Device (IUCD) insertion, Post-Partum Intra-Uterine Contraceptive Device (PPIUCD) has been introduced.
3. Revitalizing the Post-Abortion IUCD program.
4. Condom boxes set up in facilities to enable clients to access condoms in privacy.
5. Under 'Home Delivery of Contraceptive Scheme' contraceptives including condoms are delivered to the beneficiaries by ASHA.
6. '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.
7. Training of service providers in No Scalpel Vasectomy (NSV) to enhance the pool of service providers.
8. Under the enhanced compensation scheme for sterilization, the compensation for male sterilization has been substantially increased.
9. A 360 degree media campaign underlining the role of men in family planning has been rolled out to encourage men to adopt FP methods.

State-wise Female and Male sterilization Rates during last 3 years are placed in Annexure.

(b): No, the Government has not yet taken a decision to introduce implants in the national programme;

(c): Yes; the Government has expanded the choice of contraceptives and the present bouquet is sufficient to cater to the needs of family planning in such a large population which is reflected by 'Demand satisfied' rate of 72 % as per NFHS IV;

(d) India has learnt from the experience of South Asian countries and accordingly included new contraceptives viz. Injectables, Chhaya and Progesterone only pills (in pilot mode) in the contraceptive basket;

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