

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

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POPULATION PROBLEM  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether the Planning Commission has recently convened a meeting of the strategic support Group (SSG) to deal with the population problem; and

(b) If so, the details thereof and the outcomes of the meeting?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

a) The National Commission on Population located in the Planning Commission, and not the Planning Commission itself, recently convened a meeting of the Strategic Support Group.

b) The first Meeting of the Strategic Support Group was convened on 31st May, 2000 in order to decide agenda items for the first Meeting of the Commission, examine inter-sectoral coordination amongst concerned departments and see how department's existing policies and programmes could be dovetailed into achieving the goals of the National Population Policy.