

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL CAMPAIGN ON BIRTH CERTIFICATES  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has launched the second phase of the National Campaign on Birth Certificates to provide certificates to all the children born during the past 10 years;
- (b) if so, the main features of the Campaign;
- (c) the results of the first phase of the Campaign;
- (d) the total number of birth certificates issued during this first phase;
- (e) whether the Government would achieve 100% registration by 2010 as targeted in the National Population Policy 2000;
- (f) if so, the other steps being taken by the Government to achieve this target; and
- (g) the extent to which it has been achieved till now?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

- (a) & (b): Yes Sir; the second phase of the National Campaign on Birth Certificates targets to cover those children below 10 years whose birth was registered but not covered in the 1st phase of the Campaign as well as the unregistered children.
- (c) & (d) : During the 1st phase of the National Campaign, nearly 3.44 crore children were issued birth certificates.
- (e) to (g): The current level of registration of births in the country is about 58.0 per cent and that of deaths is about 54.5 per cent. Major states which have low level of registration of births and deaths are Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Assam and Rajasthan. The Government is seized of the position in these states and reviews it with them regularly. The Government has been extending assistance to them for training of functionaries, creation of awareness amongst the public as well as for computerization to improve the levels of registration. The provisions of Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 need amendment for which a Committee has been formed already. The Government is working towards attaining the target mandated under the National Population Policy, 2000.