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

- (a) The number of meetings held by the National Commission on Population (NCP) since its reconstitution; and
- (b) The details of deliberations of the meetings?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)&(b): The first meeting of the reconstituted National Commission on Population (NCP) was held 23rd July, 2005 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister. The meeting has interalia deliberated issues like strategies for population stabilisation; Poor demographic scenario in Northern States and success achieved by Southern States; high level of infant and maternal mortality rates; two-child norm; voluntary nature of family planning programme etc. The following two decisions were taken at the meeting:-

(1) Conducting Annual Health Survey of all districts which could be published annually so that health indicators at district level are periodically published, monitored and compared against benchmarks.

(2) Setting up of five groups of experts for studying the population profile of the States of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa to identify weaknesses in the health delivery systems and to suggest measures that would be taken to improve the health and demographic status of the State.