

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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UN REPORT ON POPULATION  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a United Nations report predicted about India being most populous nation by 2030;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to contain the population explosion in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. United Nations Report titled "World Population Prospects: The 2004 Revision Population Database" mentions that by 2030, India's population would have surpassed that of China.

(c) Various steps have been taken to stabilize the population of the country. These include adoption of National Population Policy (NPP), constitution of the National Commission on Population, registration of The National Population Stabilization Fund and constitution of an Empowered Action Group (EAG) for focused attention on 8 demographically weaker States. The Reproductive and Child Health Programme (RCH-II) was launched by Government in April, 2005 for provision of reproductive, maternal, child health and contraceptive services to the people. The Government has also launched the National Rural Health Mission on 12.4.2005 to provide for comprehensive integrated primary healthcare services throughout the country which interalia seeks to stabilize the population growth in the country.