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Title : Need to check the rising population in the country for sustained growth and development.

SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN (DINDIGUL): Sir, by 2035, India will have a staggering population of 1.46 billion, far more than China. Clearly all our family planning policies and other population control methods have failed to yield any positive results. With such a vast population our resources are inadequate to sustain a decent quality of life. We do not have either the required capital or low capital output ratio to generate a high rate of growth. Result is that here is a huge unskilled and under-nourished work force, which is a big liability on our economy. India's galloping population is a serious cause of concern because it neutralizes all benefits of growth and development. The government must therefore rise to the occasion and initiate immediate steps for stabilizing our population. If we do not act now we may as well give up our aspirations of playing a major role on the international scene. I urge upon the Government to give priority to those who are having one child norm in educational institutions and promotions in job.