

POPULATION CONTROL - POLITICS ON NEEDS OF THE HOUR/ NECESSITY

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ABSTRACT

The Most pressing problem before India is the overgrowing population. It is increasing very rapidly. This rapidly growing population is severely affecting our Economy. If we do not check it, our coming time will not be fruitful. Population Explosion leads to Scarcity of resources, which also leads to Poverty and Unemployment. Unemployment is of major concern for the country with the youth population because if the Unemployment is high it will lead to Crime. Over- Growing population is also the reason for climate change. The growth of Population is also the reason why Govt. policies and Schemes do not reach ground level. Over-growing population demands Resources, Employment, and Social security that is of great concern. How the govt. going to provide food and water to the growing population. How the Govt. will accommodate the ever-growing population. How the govt. will stop the carbon emission by vehicles owned by the growing population. Soon, India will be the most populous country in the world.

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INTRODUCTION

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The Republic of India is going through a major over-coming problem which is a growing population. Population means the number of peoples (Homo sapiens) living in an area, Colony, State, and Country. Everything has its Pros and Cons. So, does population. The growing population is an advantage in that it increases the workforce that leads to assist in economic development. The same is also a disadvantage because of the requirements of the overgrowing population. How the over-growing Population will accommodate by the governments. The global population is 7.9 billion people. India accounts for 17.7% of the total world population with having 2.45% of the land area of the world and 4% of the water resources of the world, with a population density of 484 per km². With this, India Ranks 2nd place in the list of populous Countries¹. India's Population is increasing every Second². Its

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¹ www.worldometers.info

² www.worldometers.info (Indian population) LIVE

1,393,392,031. By the time, you reading this. These figures are not the same. This is an alarming situation for India, its future generation, and its depleting resources which the population needs due to climate change and global warming. Even the Renowned Physicist and Scientist Stephen Hawking emphasized Population Control in his THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING. India Does have Population Control Bill. But it has never been passed. Population control bill tabled 35 times in Parliament since Independence. In 2016 & 2019 the population bill was tabled and discussed. but it never went to vote. The said bill penalizes those with more than 2 (Two) children who would be barred from political Participation, Govt. Jobs and Govt. Schemes. Some Individuals states of The Union of India are implementing their versions of it. While India does not have National law on the Subject-Matter. In Assam, 2021 onwards, those with more than 2 children will not be eligible for govt. jobs. As of 2021, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, and Uttarakhand barring participation in local bodies' elections, some from govt. policies and schemes varied upon state. It has been enforced & then been repealed in some of the States like Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh.

EFFECTS OF OVER-GROWING POPULATION

Over-growing population effects is disastrous like poverty but everyone gets the same Standard of living if the country is developing. Effect Climate change that pressures the Natural Resources like Forest & Land. Unemployment is the Major Concern for Over-growing population. Of course, Over-growing population increases market demand from the perspectives of Market Studies. But not everyone has the potential and monetary requirements for manufacturing businesses. Unemployment also leads to Crime and illegal activities. Over-growing Population leads to an increase in Social & Religious Conflicts. The ever-growing population is regarded as the root cause of all the problems. The Condition has worsened that it's Visible everywhere like markets & public places.

CROSS BORDER EXAMPLE

If we take the Example of Countries like china where the one-child policy was announced in 1979. This results in China World's Skewed sex ratio with 1.15 males for every female, leads to Gender imbalance, increases in Female Foeticide. This happened for preference of a male child over a female child. Due to less of Male population, leads to ill practices – **BRIDE PRICES**. In which brides were brought in return for money. China ends this policy (2015-

2016) and allows parents to have up to 3 (three) Children. So, after considering this. India is also a traditional Society where a male child is given preference over a female child. So. India should introduce a two-child policy. As China did.

CONTEMPORARY TRENDS

However, the population growth rate declines from 21.54% (1991-2001) to 17.64% (2001-2011). The fertility rate also drops from 3.2 births rate per woman in 2000 to 2.3 births per woman in 2011³.

Fertility Rate

The richness pace of a nation is the normal no. of Children a lady brings forth in her life. In the event that the fruitfulness rate on normal is 2 Children. It's anything but an Indian Woman who brings forth 2 youngsters on normal in her Life Span.

Replacement Fertility Rate

It implies the quantity of individuals during the duration is equivalent to no. of Children conceived. The number of kids a Couple should bear to supplant when they bite the dust. THIS MAKES THE POPULATION STABLE. Actually, numerous kids kick the bucket at the hour of birth. The Realistically Replacement richness rate is taken as 2.1/2. on the off chance that any Country arrives at a 2.2 Replacement Fertility rate. Then, at that point, later on, it stays stable. Thus, to end over-populace. We should mean to keep up with the richness pace of the Country closes to 2.1/2.



MEASURES FOR CURBING OVER-POPULATION

1. EDUCATION.
2. HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE

Education

Education is one of the most important factors to fight the over- growing-population. Instead of Spending more on Education from the Budget, it gradually decreases year by year. Bihar has the lowest female literacy rate. So, does the highest Fertility rate.

³ www.macrotrends.net

Healthcare infrastructure

India Spends 1.8% of its GDP on Healthcare. India ranking is 184 out of 191 Countries in Health Spending⁴. That's the reason for the Catastrophic effect of a pandemic on India because the country's healthcare system got collapsed. India has 1.4 beds for 1,000 people 1 doctor per 1,445 people. 1.7 Nurses per 1,000 people. Education is the most important Measure to Slow down the Over-growing Population. Because *FERTILITY RATE* and *LITERACY RATE*, both are Surprisingly Interdependent.

“Higher the Literacy rate. Lower the Fertility rate”

This pattern is observed in many places of the world. As in The Indian State of Kerala, the Literacy rate is 96.2% and the Fertility rate is 1.8 as compared to Bihar literacy rate is 53.57% (Overall) and 29.6% (Rural) and the fertility rate is 3.4. Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh Literacy rates are very low. Fertility rates are very High.

LEGISLATIONS

The Population Control bill, 2019 introduced in the Rajya Sabha to Control the Population Growth of India. The bill proposes a Criminal penalty of fine, not less than Rs. 20,000 (twenty Thousand) and simple Imprisonment of (5) Five years. The proposed bill was Signed by 125 members of parliament is yet to become law.

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WHY NOT A NATIONAL LEGISLATION?

Why the bill has not been passed yet or law at the national level. Because of the 1970s decade Forced *STERILISATIONS* did not go down well and did not make any Considerate Difference in Population Control.

THAT'S THE BIG EXAMPLE WE HAVE FOR US.

The 1991 Census tracked down that states which had punished families with multiple kids by not permitting those to hold panchayat surveys had brought about men separating from their spouses when they become pregnant with the third youngster. Article 22 of the 1969 Declaration on Social Progress and Development embraced by the General Assembly in Resolution gives that couples reserve the privilege to decide uninhibitedly and mindfully the

⁴ WHO Report, 2020.

number and dispersing of their kid's People with Voluntary family arranging can have an effect.

REPRODUCTION IS A VERY BASIC HUMAN RIGHT

In *JASVIR SINGH V/S STATE OF PUNJAB*⁵ -

The court held that the "State has denied the option to reproduce to the candidates simply because a right doesn't discover any notice in the rulebooks or rules. Without a right having been explained in classified law, it can't be expected that the solicitors' supplication negates any law. The Supreme Court of India has likewise heard on instances of Population Control. It has either excused petitions or asked the middle for a Response. In one such reaction Center told the Supreme Court that it's a Signatory to ICPD. THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Program of activity which looks to ensure the Individual sexual and Reproductive lives. In May 2012, a request in the Delhi High Court petitioned for a Court request to execute the 24th proposal on populace control by the National Commission to survey the working of the Constitution (NCRWC). The Petition Contended that Recommendations of the NCRWC led by Former Chief equity of India MN Venkatachaliah, to embed Article 47A as a component of the mandate standards of state strategy was barely executed. The proposed Article 47A Contemplates advancing Family Norms by giving advantage in charges, Employment, Education Etc.

7 Feb 2020 The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020 was introduced in Lok Sabha.

ARTICLE 47A of the Constitution of India:

The state will advance little family standards by offering motivations in charges, business, schooling, and so forth to its kin who hold their family restricted to two youngsters and will pull out each concession from and deny such motivators to those not clinging to the little family standard, to monitor the developing populace. The 2020 Bill proposed a two-youngster strategy and focuses to boost its selection through different measures, for example, Educational advantages, Taxation Cuts, home credits, free Healthcare, and better Employment openings. The 2019 bill proposed punishment for the individuals who not clinging to Two-Child Policy.

⁵ CWP no.5429 of 2010 (O&M).

CONCLUSION

India needs Strict National Legislation on the subject matter. Even the Country's Prime Minister Emphasized Population Control. But don't for forced ways as Country saw in 1970s Decade Forced Sterilization didn't go well. Forced methods always invite Criticism. If the current time doesn't demand penalized legislation then govt. should go for Incentivized Legislation. Likewise, FEB,2020 Constitutional (Amendment) Bill,2020 proposed to insert schemes of tax relief, employment opportunities, education opportunities to those who limit their family to just two Children, without penalizing those with more than 2 children. The population of India is set to overcome that of china within a decade⁶. This is the issue of prime concern before India to how to accommodate the growing population and how to provide opportunities to the upcoming generations. As a Developing Country, we can't take the risk of automatically slow down population growth. India is the third highest in carbon – emission at the global platform with 2.46 billion metric tons of Carbon, 6.8% of the total global emission. The reason behind this is India's electricity is based on coal. Coal accounts for 74% of India's electricity generation and transport sector. The ever-growing population also affecting climate. Some Argue that Reproduction is an individual Basic Human Right. Article 47 of the Constitution of India talk about the duty of the state to raise the standard of living, nutrition and public health. It can also be interpreted in the way to promote public health and Nutrition raising Govt, should introduce Population control law either in Incentive's ways or penalized ways and if Procreation is a human right of every individual. So, how the nutrition of the same is the duty of the State. It does not mean govt. will take care of Nutrition and standard of living so, people will not think about family planning. It's given in the Concurrent list of The Constitution of India –Entry -20 A, which means both the govt. can make legislation on the subject matter.

⁶ World population prospects 2019 by United Nations.