

20/07/16 - Government Policies.

② Indian Government's population policy needs to focus on the basis of wide variety of data analysis to avoid looming demographic crisis as in China. Elaborate (300 Words)

World Population Prospects Report 2014 by United Nations is projected that less than a decade India's population would overtake China's population. The major concern for the reduction of population is by reducing the Total Fertility Rate (TFR).

Total Fertility Rate in India:-

TFR is the total no of children born to women in her lifetime

According to National Family Health Survey (NFHS), TFR rate in 2005-06 is 3.2 points whereas in 2015-16 is 2.2. It has to be reduced further to 2.1 to achieve replacement fertility level by which population will get stabilised.

Decline in TFR:

The decline in TFR contributes to the increase in adult population thereby increasing the working population and decreasing the dependency rates contributes to the increase in economic growth.

The decrease in TFR is due to the use of contraceptives by young couple rather than older ones.

⇒ Increase in age of marriage also contributes to it. (12) 20-24yo

in 2015-16

⇒ Pregnant women at or before age of 18 has been reduced from 48% in 2005-06 to 21% in 2015-16

⇒ Increase of educated women particularly muslim women.

### Policy making of government

⇒ While making policy regarding population, the government must focus on the providing education to women which could create awareness among women

⇒ Reservations and scholarships for SC/ST

⇒ Focus on Primary health

⇒ Use of contraceptives of married couples

⇒ Awareness about Family planning

⇒ More focus on Muslim women population as TFR rate is every state

is due to Muslim population.

Thus, the government must make policy neutral focusing on family of Indians and also based on economic growth not in ~~coercive~~ coercive way.