

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' RESOLUTION

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### **Subject: Resolution regarding Action Plan to address current situation of growing population in the country**

"Having regard to the fact that–

- (i) India has one of the fastest growth rate in terms of population increase among all sections of the society. With awareness campaigns and different tools being used to control population, rapid growth rate negates the efforts made by the relevant authorities across the state ;
- (ii) From 1991-2011, Muslim population's growth rate has been 2.2 percent with a decline of 0.4 percent in the period between 1991-2001 owing to growing literacy among the sections of the society ;
- (iii) Increasing levels of population in muslim majority areas require urgent attention to limit the rapid growth rate of population leading to scarcity of resources in those areas as well. With the onset of COVID-19, limited availability of resources can cause major harm to large families ;
- (iv) In Assam, the muslim population growth rate was around 29 percent between 2001 and 2011, according to current Chief Minister of Assam, with the growth rate increasing in the subsequent decade ;
- (v) Population control methods and tools in the country are not at par with developing and developed countries around the world, thereby, increasing wealth inequality and poverty among the lower rungs of the society ;
- (vi) With limited reproductive health seminars/workshops and school curriculum in schools especially in rural areas, there are no means for the younger population to learn about contraceptive methods and importance of family planning in one's life ;
- (vii) According to United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the rate of increase of poverty is directly proportional to the rate of increase in population among minority groups in a developing country. Therefore, the importance of population controls tools and mechanisms becomes an urgent necessity for the Union Government to build upon ;

this House urges upon the Government to:–

- (i) Present a comprehensive Plan of Action for new and effective methods of population control mechanisms of the country that revolve around sexual and reproductive health awareness, availability of contraceptives, and awareness of population and poverty dynamics; and
- (ii) Take steps to constitute a Joint Parliamentary Committee to work with all stakeholders and relevant ministries and develop a 'Reproductive Health and Sexual Wellness Act' to control the direct proportional growth of poverty and population."

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To constitute an Action Plan to address current situation of growing population in the country

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