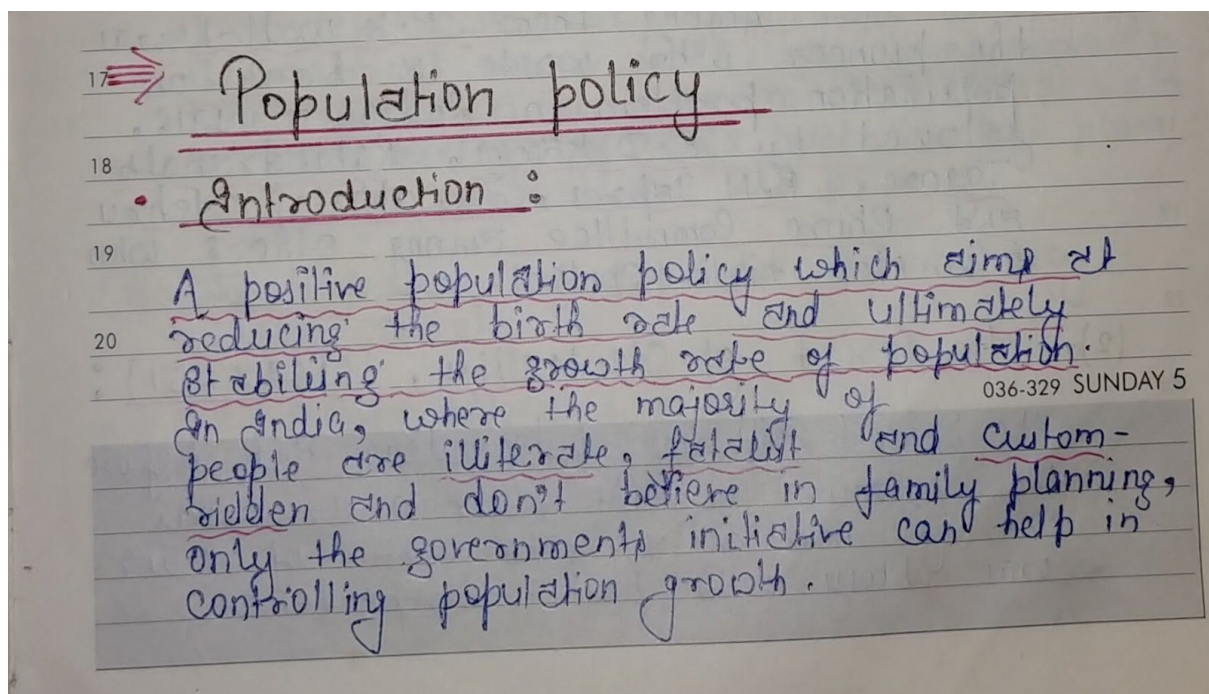


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→ Government Policy to Control population growth :

The population policy of the government of India has passed through the following phases from time to time

(1). Pre-Independence Period :

Before independence, the Britishers did not consider population growth as a problem. Their attitude towards birth control was one of indifference because they never wanted to interfere with the values, beliefs, customs and traditions of Indians.

Among them P. K. Wajmal was the pioneer who wrote a book on population problem in India in 1916, followed by R. D. Kherve, Rabindranath Tagore, P. N. Sen, Jawaharlal Nehru and Bhore Committee among others who advocated birth control.

(2). The Period of Neutrality, (1947-51) :

The period following independence and before the beginning of the planning era was one of neutrality. The govt of India was busy with post-independence

08 problems like rehabilitation of the people
09 following the Partition, reorganization of
10 the states and Pakistan's invasion of
11 Kashmir. However, at one of the meetings
of the Planning Commission in 1949,
Jawaharlal Nehru laid emphasis on
the need for family planning programmes
in India.

12 (3). Period of Experimentation (1951-61) :
13 During the first decade (1951-61) of planned
14 economic development, family planning as
method of population control was started as
a govt programme in India. "The Nation
15 family planning" was launched in 1952 with the
16 objective of "Reducing birth rate to the
extent necessary to stabilize the population
17 at a level consistent with requirement of
the national economy." This programme
18 was started on an experimental basis with
a plan outlay of ₹ 65 lakh in 1st plan
and ₹ 5 crore in the 2nd plan.

19 (4). The beginning of population Control Policy
20 (1961 - 2000)

→ ₹ 27 Crores allocated in 3rd Plan

→ ₹ 330 Crores allocated in 4th Plan

08 (5) Aim to Reduce Birth rate (1980-81)

- 09 6) Social acceptability for small family.
10 7) Increasing information and knowledge.
8) Making available variable device & equip-
ment to the couple.

11 For the first time "National population policy" was
announced in "1976" to have a direct effects
2 on population.

3 * Features of "National population Policy" are:-

- 4 i). To raise the age of marriage of girls to 18 years
to boys 21 years.
5 ii). To take special measure to rise the level of
female education in all states.
6 iii). Raising the monetary initiative towards
7 person undergoing sterilisation according to the
number of children in the family.
8 iv). Additional initiatives to govt. employees undergoing
sterilisation having upto two children.