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GROWING POPULATION AND ITS IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENT IN INDIA

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Abstract

As of 2016, the current population of India is 1.34 billion and that makes it the second most populous country in the world after China. Despite India's agriculture and improved farming industry, the increasing population lowered India's chances for an acceptable standard of living. During its independence movement, Mahatma Gandhi called attention to population growth and relied on abstinence as a solution. The utilization, overuse and misuse of physical resources increased manifold due to the growth of human population. As it has been told earlier, more population means more mouths to eat food which requires more agricultural production. More cultivable land

has been made available by clearing forests and by reclaiming wet lands, ponds and green belts. Advanced agriculture requires utilization of more water, more fertilizers and more pesticides. Application of fertilizers and pesticides makes the soil infertile. The Earth's environment is finite and can be destroyed if we do not start population control. As the view of economists and politicians opined that at present population growth as resource and boon for Economy. But in the real case over population dumped in particular place especially in urban areas. Above all the growing population must not affect the Eco- system in the years to come.

Keywords: Earth, fertilizers, pesticides and utilization.

Introduction

As of 2016, the current population of India is 1.34 billion and that makes it the second most populous country in the world after China. Despite India's agriculture and improved farming industry, the increasing population lowered India's chances for an acceptable standard of living. During its independence movement, Mahatma Gandhi called attention to population growth and relied on abstinence as a solution. However, the government was first in the 20 world to establish family-planning program first involving birth control, and then moving on to sterilizations. In 1956, seven thousand people were sterilized, and strong campaign advocating along with incentives aimed to encourage couple to limit themselves to two children per family

In India, due to rapid growth of population and expansion of development activities, environment is adversely affected. Natural environment is degrading through uncontrolled growth of urbanization, industrialization, intensified agricultural activities of human being. The average change in the population resulting the difference of births over deaths and the balance of emigration and immigration is termed as population growth. The population growth is a factor in determining that how much pressure of the population on environment and natural resources. India is the second most populous country in the world having over 1.271 billion population (17.5%) of world's total population. In India the annual and decadal growth of population was very high up to 1991, after that there is a little decline in the annual growth rate and decadal



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