



# Two-Child Policy

## Why in News?

The **Uttar Pradesh government** recently faced scrutiny over claims that it had implemented a [two-child policy](#) as of 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2024. However, according to official statements, these reports are false and no such policy has been enacted yet.

## Key Points

- While a **draft bill** for such a policy has been submitted to the state government, it has **not been passed and formulated as a law**.
- The **Uttar Pradesh Law Commission** had shared a draft of the proposed bill on population control in 2021 with the state government.
- According to the draft bill titled [Uttar Pradesh Population \(Control, Stabilisation, and Welfare\) Bill, 2021](#), couples with more than two children would not be allowed to apply for government jobs, seek promotions, or benefit from government welfare schemes.
  - A similar policy is in place in Assam, which bars parents with more than two children from government jobs under the **Assam Public Services (Application of Small Family Norms in Direct Recruitment) Rules, 2019**.

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- **Need:**
  - India's population has already **crossed 125 crores** and India is **expected to surpass the world's most populous nation-China** in the next couple of decades.
  - Despite having the **National Population Control Policy (2000)**, India is the **second most populous country in the world**.
  - Thus, India's natural resources are extremely **over-burdened** and facing **overexploitation**.
- **Criticism:**
  - The restricted child policy will create a shortage of educated young people needed to carry on India's technological revolution.
  - The problems like gender imbalance, undocumented children, etc. faced by China (as a result of the one-child policy) might be experienced by India.