

Mr. JRD Tata's Quotation

*"Another striking feature of this awesome growth in the present century is that virtually the whole of it has taken place in the under-developed areas of the world."*

*"'Fertilise the land, sterilise the man', would be a good motto for many developing countries for decades to come!"*

*"The consequences, as a government report print points, are increasing floods, soil erosion, heavy siltation of dams built at enormous expenses at change in micro-climate".*

*"Contrary to the belief of many people in our country that our population problem is an age-old one, it actually - is of a very recent origin*

*"There can be no doubt that a reduction in the number of years of married life in a woman's reproductive cycle, would be dramatically reflected in the number of children she is likely to bear."*

*"Kerala, with the highest female literacy rate in the country, also enjoys the lowest birth-rate, while Rajasthan's appallingly low female literacy is more than fully reflected in the highest birth-rate in the country."*

*"A major cause of our failure to achieve fuller and quicker results in our family planning and health programmes has lain in a failure of communications."*

*"we are now convinced that in our country mere general development would not bring about any significant reduction in fertility."*

*Achievement of demographic objectives is entirely dependent on a whole set of societal responses and policy initiatives which go well beyond contraception.*

*"on the positive side, we have at least a better idea of factors contributing to high fertility as well as of reasons of quite a few low-parity couples still remaining outside the family planning programmes."*

*"Unless mothers are sure about the survival of their new-borns, the temptation to have more children will remain strong, particularly, after the loss of the first child."*

*"There is a realisation in Asia and also in India that the 90s will prove to be the most critical period for the human race which must build on their experience, adopt innovative approaches and hasten the pace of community mobilisation for essential population and development tasks."*

*"Any talk of sustainable development –the modern-day slogan at seminars and symposia, is meaningless if no note is taken of the over-multiplying numbers and their abject poverty."*

*"I am unable to understand how leaders of our country, who have been articulating strong views on social and economic restricting can remain oblivious of the serious consequences of soaring population and permit time to defeat all honest endeavour.  
How will history judge us?"*

*"Fortunately, our self-confidence and a continuing sense of hope have remained intact and we have, in the words of Martin Luther King, adopted the slogan." "We shall overcome."*

*"The world is rightly worried about the prospectus of 1.8 billion Indian people in the next century. But are we?"*

*"When the dykes are threatened, the response to the swelling tide has to be instant and sizeable enough, to contain the threat."*

*"For the first time we are reiterating the fact that population is one of the four major problems of India, though I rate it as absolutely the number one."*

*"When I grew in France, I used to see large families. In less than six or seven decades one seldom comes across large families. I have wondered why similar change is so slow in our country."*

*"We also need to accord a similar status to education. But shall we?"*

*"See, what we have done to our rain forests, verdant hills, lifesustaining valleys, great rivers, even the seas."*

*"I also wish that the Brazil Earth Summit shall specifically highlight the fact the environmental balance i!as to be restored by wise technology choices and containing world population."*

*"The last half-century, during which I have been pursuing these goals have given me a strong belief that in spite of the vagaries of political uncertainties, it is possible to win."*

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“I have always believed that no real social change can occur in any society unless women are educated, self-reliant and respected. Woman is the critical fulcrum of family and community prosperity.”

(UN Population Award Speech, 1992)

“So far, the general target of family planning communication has been married couples and, sometimes, their parents! But what about the youth? There is urgent need to undertake a systematic education of the adolescent to prepare them for the tasks of tomorrow.”