

- viii. **National Iodine Deficiency Control Programme** : This programme has been launched to remove the diseases covered due to iodine deficiencies. This programme has two main objectives.
- i. To supply iodine mixed salt in place of common salt all over the country.
 - ii. To survey of the diseases caused by iodine deficiencies.
- This programme has been implemented by the central government. According to a survey, the state of Bihar has been found as a state suffering from the diseases caused by iodine deficiencies. For the test of iodine in salt, testing kit has been provided by the UNICEF. This kit has been made available to the Mukhias of all Gram panchayat and health workers by the health department. Salt sellers and Anganwari Sewikas have also been given these kits.
- ix. **Family Welfare Programme** : This is a centrally financed scheme. The expenditure of this scheme is borne cent-percent by the Central Government. Previously, this programme was known as family planning, but now it is known as family welfare programme.

This programme is being implemented to make India happy and prosperous by the control of population. This is a voluntary programme. To create special and favourable environment with the help of public is the main aim of the programme. The programme also aims at educating the people about the benefit of the family welfare programme. In order to provide the benefits of this programme, health sub-centres, primary health centres, sadar hospital, and medical college & hospitals have been involved in its implementation. Some voluntary organisations are also functioning under this programme. For sending positive messages related to the adoption of this programme, audio-visual apparatus, wall writing, videocassettes, creation of Mahila health organization, essay and debate competition in schools and colleges, seminars, etc. are being organized. The help of electronic and print media is also taken in this programme.