News: A BJP MP on Friday introduced a private member’s Bill in Lok Sabha, seeking to limit the number of children per married couple to two.

- The MP also introduced a Bill to amend the Constitution to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC)

Prelims and Mains focus: Key features of the Bill and its implications, about UCC

Background
Making a pitch for population control, PM Modi had praised those with small families, in his Independence Day speech

Key highlights of the bill

1. The Population Control Bill 2019, introduced by Ajay Bhatt BJP MP from Nainital-Udham Singh Nagar constituency in Uttarakhand proposes that couples who have more than two children, after the Act comes into effect, should be deprived of all government benefits and the right to apply for a government job.

2. They should also have to pay a fine up to Rs.50,000

3. The Bill also proposes incentives for those who comply, including preference in government jobs

4. A couple will be allowed to have more than two children only if twins or triplets are born after the first child. Then too, they would have to seek the district authority’s permission during pregnancy

India’s Population explosion

About Private member bill

- A private member’s Bill is a bill introduced by a legislator who is not acting on behalf of the...
Executive.

- Such Bills are rarely passed by Parliament, most are not even discussed.
- Till date, only 14 such Bills have become laws - the last one was the Supreme Court (Enlargement of Criminal Appellate Jurisdiction) Bill, which was passed in 1970.

About Uniform Civil Code