

(b) The position with regard to these categories is as follows:—

Secretaries :	2
Addl. Secretaries:	Nil
Joint Secretaries	Nil
Directors:	3

उत्तर प्रदेश में डायल घुमा कर सीधे टेलीफोन करने की व्यवस्था

3491. श्री महादीपक सिंह शाक्य : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश की राजधानी लखनऊ के साथ प्रत्येक कमिश्नरी (डिवीजन) और प्रत्येक कमिश्नरी के साथ प्रत्येक जिले को डायल घुमाकर सीधे टेलीफोन करने की व्यवस्था से जोड़ दिया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो अभी तक ऐसे कितने स्थानों को इस प्रकार जोड़ा जाना है और इस दिशा में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बृजलाल वर्मा) : (क) अभी तक नहीं ।

(ख) 11 कमिश्नरियों में से 7 को लखनऊ से सीधे डायलिंग के जरिए जोड़ना है और 40 जिला मुख्यालयों को अभी संबिधत कमिश्नरियों से जोड़ना है । जिला मुख्यालयों को राज्य की राजधानी से उत्तरोत्तर जोड़ा जा रहा है और यह कार्यक्रम 6ठीं पंचवर्षीय योजना की समाप्ति तक पूरा होगा ।

#### ( Voluntary Sterilisation

3492. DR. BAPU KALDATY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the number of voluntarily effected sterilization cases during April and May 1977?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAJ NARAIN): The number of voluntary sterilizations performed during April and May 1977, according to the information so far available, is 90,328. Instructions have been issued on 28th March 1977 that family planning should be purely on a voluntary basis and that there is no place for compulsion or coercion.

#### Reduction in Aid to Bangladesh

3493. SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: SHRI NIHAR LASKAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has reduced aid to Bangladesh this year;

(b) if so, the amount of aid given to Bangladesh upto now;

(c) the reasons for the reduction in aid; and

(d) whether the reduction in aid will harm the relation between the two countries?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) to (c). Since the emergence of Bangladesh as an independent country in December, 1971, India has given government-to-government assistance in the shape of grants and credits totalling Rs. 233.02 crores upto 31st March 1976. Thereafter no fresh government assistance has been committed to Bangladesh; therefore there is no question of reduction in our aid to that country during this year. However, goods are continuing to be supplied to Bangladesh against grants/credits committed earlier.

(d) Does not arise.