

making available some performance of a ballet show earlier developed on behalf of the Department of Family Welfare, and performances were arranged under the auspices of Indian Youth Congress with the help of the Song and Drama Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Some printed publicity material concerning the Family Planning Programme was also produced and distributed. An expenditure of Rs. 20,400 was incurred on holding the ten ballet performances at places selected in consultation with Indian Youth Congress.

(b) The estimated expenditure on the implementation of Programme

during 1974-75, 1975-76 and 1976-77 was as under:—

	Estimated expenditure (Rs. in lakhs)
1974-75 . . . . .	6204.80
1975-76 . . . . .	7860.08
1976-77 . . . . .	14828.00

The figures of achievement under different methods of contraception are as follows:—

	Sterilisation	I.U.D.	C.C. users (including pills)	Total
1974-75 . . . . .	1,353,859	432,630	2,250,939	4,307,428
1975-76* . . . . .	2,669,780	605,124	3,491,266	6,766,170
1976-77* . . . . .	8,106,639	562,842	3,512,708†	12,182,189

\*Figures provisional. †including oral pill users.

(c) The Government of India have issued detailed guidelines to the States and other implementing agencies for ensuring prompt and speedy relief in cases where an acceptor has either lost his life or developed complications after sterilisation. The Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare has also asked the State Governments to look into complaints of excesses and use of coercion/compulsion and to take appropriate action against those found responsible.

#### **Opening of Post Offices, Telephone and Telegraph Offices in Himachal Pradesh**

726. SHRI DURGA CHAND: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices/Telephone and Telegraph offices in Himachal Pradesh, District-wise;

(b) whether Government have undertaken any survey for opening more Post offices/Telephone/Telegraph offices in Himachal Pradesh, District-wise;

(c) if so, the outlines thereof; and

(d) the names of the places where Post offices/Telephone and Telegraph offices are proposed to be opened during the remaining year of the current Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The number of post offices, public call offices and Telegraph offices in Himachal Pradesh, District-wise, is as under:—

1. No.	Name of District	P.Os.	PCOs	T.Os.
1	Kangra . . . . .	467	28	64
2	Hamirpur . . . . .	180	13	27
3	Una . . . . .	135	6	16
4	Chamba . . . . .	93	6	19
5	Bilaspur . . . . .	102	4	13
6	Mandi State . . . . .	262	10	26
7	Kulu . . . . .	96	7	20
8	Lahaul & Spiti . . . . .	31	..	3
9	Simla . . . . .	248	20	57
10	Solan . . . . .	125	10	27
11	Sirmaur . . . . .	125	3	12
12	Kinnaur . . . . .	56	..	2

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. In respect of post offices a survey has been made with the objective of:

(i) extending daily delivery service;

(ii) covering tribal and very backward areas;

(iii) covering such Gram Panchayat Villages where there is no post office at a distance of 5 Kms.; and

(iv) meeting any special requirements. For telephone and telegraph offices, the Department follows a uniform policy for opening tele-

phone and telegraph offices at certain categories of stations in rural areas and a review is made of all the villages to identify the villages covered by the policy. A copy of the policy now being followed is given in Statement I laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-366/77].

(d) A tentative list of Post Offices proposed to be opened at 64 places is given in Statement II laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-366/77]. A tentative list of names of places where telephone and telegraph offices are proposed to be opened during the remaining years of the current Five Year Plan is given in Statement III laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-366/77].