

*[English]***Ban on Advertisements of Birth Control Devices**

4776. SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to ban advertisements of certain birth control devices, such as AIDS, STD, Women's birth control efforts etc. on Doordarshan/AIR; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Target for Laying of Telephone Lines**

4777. SHRI PRABHASH CHANDRA TIWARI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for laying telephone lines in Bhagalpur district of Bihar during the current year;

(b) the number of lines laid down as on date;

(c) the number of circles where the work is behind the schedule;

(d) the reasons therefor and whether the Government have taken steps to achieve the target; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA):

(a) The target fixed for Telephone lines (direct exchange lines) in Bhagalpur district of Bihar during the current year is 3000.

(b) 486.

(c) to (e): The Circle-wise target for the current year and achievement of direct exchange lines from 1.4.98 to 30.6.98 is given in the statement enclosed. At this stage it is too early to say whether any Circle is behind schedule. However, every effort will be made to achieve the target laid down for 1998-99.

**Statement****Annual Targets for 1998-99 and Achievement from April to June 1998**

Sl. No.	Name of Circle/Distt.	Annual Target 1998-99	Achievement upto 30.6.98
1		2	3
1.	Andaman/Nicobar	6000	130
2.	Andhra Pradesh	250000	28601
3.	Assam	50000	3362
4.	Bihar	131000	10318
5.	Gujarat	250000	29029
6.	Haryana	95000	3265
7.	Himachal Pradesh	59000	984
8.	J & K	30000	4695
9.	Karnataka	200000	32406
10.	Kerala	325000	34081
11.	Madhya Pradesh	110000	10970
12.	Maharashtra	300000	26998
13.	North East	32000	4307
14.	Orissa	60000	5159
15.	Punjab	190000	17836
16.	Rajasthan	163000	12654
17.	Tamil Nadu	280000	27792
18.	UP (East)	133000	8957
19.	UP (West)	139000	18465
20.	West Bengal	120000	8087