

(e) All companies reporting book loss will not be affected by Minimum Alternate Tax.

Variation in performance of Family Welfare Programmes

2999. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a wide variation in performance of family welfare programme among States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) action taken to improve performance of family welfare in States like Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) A statement showing variation in Birth Rates and Infant Mortality Rates of various states is enclosed (*see below*).

(c) The steps taken, inter-alia include (i) under the Social Safety Net Scheme 84 districts in these states with birth rate over 39 per thousand population were given special assistance for strengthening infrastructure (ii) Many externally assisted area projects are under implementation (iii) 500 vehicles were supplied by United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) at the request of the Government to the four States of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan during last year.

Statement

Statewise crude birth rate and infant mortality rate as per sample registration system estimates-1994

India/ States/ UTs.	Crude Birth Rate	Infant Mortality Rate
1	2	3
India	28.7	74
MAJOR STATES		
Andhra Pradesh	23.8	65
Assam	30.8	78
Bihar	32.5	67

1	2	3
Gujarat	27.1	64
Haryana	30.8	70
Karnataka	25.0	67
Kerala	17.4	16
Madhya Pradesh	33.0	98
Maharashtra	25.1	55
Orissa	28.0	103
Punjab	25.0	53
Rajasthan	33.7	84
Tamil Nadu	19.2	59
Uttar Pradesh	35.4	88
West Bengal	25.2	62

SMALLER STATES/UTs.

Arunachal Pradesh	28.5	64 +
Goa	14.3	20 +
Himachal Pradesh	26.3	67
J&K	NA	96 ++
Manipur	21.7	24 +
Meghalaya	29.5	59 +
Nagaland	20.1	10 +
Sikkim	24.6	46 +
Tripura	21.9	51 +
A&N Islands	18.0	33 +
Chandigarh	19.0	16 +
D&N Haveli	34.4	68 +
Delhi	24.8	44 +
Daman & Diu	24.8	57 +
Lakshadweep	26.3	36 +
Mizoram	NA	NA
Pondicherry	18.0	30 +

Source: Registrar General, India.

Notes: Excludes J&K & Mizoram

NA: Not Available

+: Three year moving average 1990-92

++: Three year moving average for J&K 1988-90.

Telecast of Morning News Bulletin in regional languages

3000. SHRITHENNALA BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to telecast Morning News Bulletin in the regional languages from the Regional Doordarshan Kendras;