

A Bibliography
of
ABORTION STUDIES IN INDIA

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PREFACE

This monograph contains a bibliography of research articles, books and mimeographed papers related to the social-psychological and demographic aspects of abortion in the Indian setting. The medical aspects of abortion have not been covered.

The Institute has so far published five bibliographies: (1) Sterilization, (2) Knowledge, Attitude and Practice Regarding Family Planning, (3) Fertility, (4) Cost-Benefit Studies on Family Planning and (5) IUCD Studies in India. These bibliographies have proved useful to research workers, planners and policy-makers.

The present bibliography includes more than 100 citations covering all known important studies. The list, though exhaustive, may not be all-inclusive. Suggestions for its improvement and identification of omissions will be greatly appreciated.

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