12 NIL 1. PRESS INFORMATION BUREAU GOVERNMENT OF INDIA पत्र सूचना कार्यालय मारत सरकार ABORTION DRUGS RESPONSIBLY SNOPPORT EVENU Pharmacist trained in medical -PHARMACISTS ARE NOW BEING TRAINED TO DISPENSE MEDICAL abortion dispensing practices 4,322 4,983 2,718 2013 2014 2015 12,023 Total so far Width: 21.59 cms, Height: 17.06 cms, a4r, Ref: pmin.2015-09-04.50.26 Friday 4th September 2015, Page: 4 Hindu, Delhi abortion drugs in India are per cent maternal deaths in the country, said Shankar married men and unsafe Imost 70 per cent buyers of abortions contribute to eight Narayanan, senior director, en, health officials and doctors global health organisation. vices International (PSI), a the risk of negative health improgramme, Population Serbuyers" - the pharmacists. and offer better care for womthe "first point of contact for have come together to train aiming at saving lives and imreinforcing this and finally dose, drug and advising pa-Narayanan. proving its quality," said Mr. through our programme are doctors is an essential part of counselling and referral to tients on how to use the drug 12,023 pharmacists on medi-SI) has under this unique of Obstetric and Gynaecologthe pharmacist's work and we programme already trained ical Societies of India (FOG-To avoid unsafe practices "Dispensing the corfrect PSI along with Federation in the 1,100 network | removal services | providers Project achievements from January13-July 15-- pacts," said FOGSI president education of pharmacies on cal abortion dispensing praccorrect dispensing and approtices. en who are unable or unwill-Prakash Trivedi. in responsible use of medical priate counselling resulted puts the latter in an important ing to seek care from trained abortion drugs, thus reducing position. from pharmacists; and this providers seek our campaign, we approached fully improve pharmacists' vise approaches that successsaid Dr. Trivedi: of good counselling practices," dispensing behaviour. During had a responsibility to be aware tant their role is in supporting pharmacists with the issue. 541 providers trained in IUD correct use, adverse events and macists are familiarised with We told them how impor-"What we observed is that women's health and that they He added that many wom-"Thus, there is need to de-I resu Under the programme, pharinsertion and medicines placed with in the 3,13,651 13,479 IUDs to 8% of maternal deaths married women use any form of 2.8% © Total fertility rate stands at C Unsafe abortions contribute India's Nealth Index remained low at 2% use is higher in urban areas at 29% modern contraception O IUD prevalence rate has Only 47% of currently consult a gynaecologist for any seek prescribed medicines and the need to counsel a client to 79% birth spacing need and, 13.4% birth limiting need planning among currently married women is 21% including PSI have joined hands to adcomplication. Total unmet need of family India is primarily through pri-vate sector, but their involveof long-acting contraceptives and by increasing access to safe vocate support for improving | network ment in family planning has not maternal health through use abortions. pharmacists pharmacy Since 2009, Health care consumption in personnel 12,023 FOGSI and In the third phase (2013-15) access to family planning methods such as IUDs and across three states - Delhi, work is on at 30 districts been significant. environment for increasing Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan creased efforts from private and safe abortions to create an enabling The programme aims and other stakeholders to act untarism and informed choice. tractive methods will require ining closely with the government We remain committed to workthe right of the individual to volpublic sector, while respecting "Adoption of modern con-**Project goals** women in reproductive age for long-acting reversible Generate demand among contraceptives adoption of post-partum and post-abortion family and motivate them to counsel clients for Address, providers' biases planning methods Pritpal Marjara, managing di-rector, PSL He added that PSI is women of reproductive age in as a market facilitator so that contraceptives to increase the financial hardship," said Mr. family planning choice without India can access high quality basket of choice. also exploring introducing new

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