

to meet! Thanks.

- Is Hysterectomy to be considered a method of abortion?? Why not mention RU 486 since its much talked about & even fought over? + ~~How~~ ~~is~~ ~~it~~ ~~not~~ ~~quite~~ ~~open~~ ~~to~~ ~~discussion~~?

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Dear Kamaxi,

Too bad you had no time toward the end & we could not discuss as I had wanted to. Perikumar did call & come over to give me your address & to collect the booklet. I've written out the comments that are uppermost in my mind, some I've mentioned in the ~~booklet~~. I hope they will be considered in the spirit intended. I think the booklet is useful and could be improved and translated for general use. Do go ahead & good luck.

I leave for Am'dam on the 13th Mar. & will be back in India by Sept. Will get in touch then. I would appreciate your comments on my research proposal - maybe in a letter to Am'dam or if you have no time, once I'm back. My good wishes to Chagrala and all the others. Hope we can all together eventually change the dreaded 'FP' programme of the Gov. All good wishes. Suresh

Thanks a lot for making time to meet me. I do very much appreciate that you made time

- On most pages, I agree ~~more~~ with the comments made by 'ST' whoever he/she ~~might~~ may be.
- The organisation of the material - especially on infertility could be improved. You discuss its treatment in detail earlier & later have another special section on "infertile couples" Why is that? Can the section giving details on IVF & other methods not be clubbed apart under the section on infertile couples?
- In the box on NORPLANT - ^{a factual error,} there are 2 types of NORPLANT. One is the six capsuled one containing levonorgestrel effective for 5 yrs. The other - referred to as NORPLANT (R) - is the 2 rod or capsule ~~the~~ method - that is effective for about 18 mon. (please check this time period) Both are developed by the Population Council.
- In the section on abortion there is a statement about abortions being ~~easy~~ available "liberalised" & legally sanctioned. This is true for India and perhaps ~~one~~ one or two some other ^{3rd} World countries but for the major part of the South abortion is still either illegal or hard to come by or both.

Some comments on the booklet :-

- It needs to be seen by someone with good command over the language. This will make a big difference to the entire text, I feel.
- It's not clear to me who is being referred to in 'we'. We are all women but it's clear to all of us that our caste/class social background gives rise to very great differences in ~~our~~ perception of ourselves + our reality. Maybe this needs to be clarified - especially in the Indian context.
- Clear distinction needs to be made about what is meant by "family planning" + what by "population control". These care must be taken to see that these terms are not used interchangeably, unless you consciously choose to do so.
- On the whole the booklet is quite comprehensive and covers most technical aspects of the issue - so please do go ahead - improve on it + bring it out.

P.S. The title of the booklet I wrote has been quoted wrongly - it's called "Imperialism and the Control of Women's Fertility" brought out by the Campaign Against Long Acting Hormonal Contraceptives, Am des London