GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 674 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH NOVEMBER, 2016

SURROGATE PREGNANCIES

674. SHRI Y.V. SUBBA REDDY: SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR: SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA: ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any law governing surrogacy in India or any legal procedure 209 for such activity, if not, how Government plans to regulate and monitor this, keeping in view the poverty and illiteracy, extortion and various similar factors to regulate misuse of this technology;
- (b) whether the Government plans to amend the provisions of the Surrogacy Bill 2016, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has received many representations against the bill, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): At present, there is no law governing surrogacy in India or any legal procedure for such activity.

The draft Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2016 has been approved by the Cabinet on 24th August, 2016.

(b) & (c): The Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2016 is likely to be introduced in the Parliament, to be approved as an Act.