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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2121 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15TH DECEMBER, 2023

PCPNDT ACT

2121. SHRI RANJEETSINGH NAIK NIMBALKAR:

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

- a) the number of court cases registered under the PCPNDT Act given the low conviction rate and have the authorities filed appeals against the acquittals during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- b) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- c) The number of ultrasound machines sealed and seized so far for committing such offences under the Act in the country, State/UT-wise;
- d) Whether any such machines have been released during trials; and
- e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (Prof. SATYA PAL SINGH BAGHEL)

(a) to (e): As per the information received from the States/ UTs:

Total **615** court cases have been registered in the last three years under the Pre-Conception & Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act.

Total **20** appeals have been filed against the acquittals by the Authorities in the last three years.

Total **933** ultrasound machines have been sealed and seized so far for offences committed under PCPNDT Act in the country; and

Total 142 ultrasound machines have been released during trials.

State/UT wise Information on PCPNDT ACT

State Name	Total number of Cases regestered in last 3 years (Including Current Year)	Total Number of Appeal Filed in last 3 years (Including Current Year)	Total Number of ultrasound machines / image scanners sealed / seized so far	Total Number of ultrasound machines / image scanners released
Andhra Pradesh	4	-	18	-
Andaman and				
Nicobar	-	-	-	-
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-
Assam	2	1	2	-
Bihar	70	-	70	-
Chandigarh	-	-	-	-
Chhattisgarh	-	-	1	-
DD&DNH	-	-	-	-
Delhi	38	-	66	14
Goa	-	-	-	-
Gujarat	4	1	18	1
Haryana	95	-	136	58
Himachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-
Jammu and Kashmir	7	-	2	-
Jharkhand	8	2	40	18
Karnataka	15	-	16	3
Kerala	3	-	14	9
Lakshadweep	-	-	-	-
Ladakh	-	-	-	-
Madhya Pradesh	18	1	94	-
Maharashtra	15	8	23	6
Manipur	-	-	-	-
Meghalaya	-	-	-	-
Mizoram	-	-	1	1
Nagaland	-	-	-	-
Odisha	3	1	177	25
Puducherry	-	-	-	-
Punjab	23	2	36	-
Rajasthan	158	2	10	-
Sikkim	-	-	-	-
Tamilnadu	7	-	14	1
Telangana	8	-	8	-
Tripura	1	-	-	-
Uttar Pradesh	96	1	153	5
Uttrakhand	39	1	33	-
West Bengal	1	-	1	1
Total	615	20	933	142

Source: State Reports