

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 53  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 02<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024**

**PRE-NATAL DETECTION CLINICS**

**53. SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has observed that a large number of pre-natal detection clinics still operate in Karnataka and across India, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the steps being taken to ensure that pre-natal sex determination clinics don't operate in India?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b)

The Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 (PC&PNDT Act) prohibits prenatal diagnostic techniques for determination of sex of the foetus leading to female foeticide.

As per Section 18 of the PC&PNDT Act, "No Person shall open any Genetic Counselling Centre, Genetic Laboratory or Genetic Clinic, including clinic, laboratory or centre having ultrasound or imaging machine or scanner or any other technology capable of undertaking determination of sex of foetus and sex selection or render services to any of them, after the commencement of the pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Amendment Act,2002 unless such Centre, Laboratory or Clinic is duly registered under the Act."

The measures taken by the Government for strict implementation of the PC&PNDT Act are as below:

- Regular monitoring through inspections
- Review of capacity building of Implementing Officers and Judicial Officers
- Create awareness generation and taking advocacy measures to build a positive environment for the girl child
- Set up a Nodal Agency in 2016 to regulate and remove the e-advertisements on internet relating to sex selection
- Render financial support to the States/UTs to strengthen implementation
- Efforts have been taken to accelerate convergence with schemes like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP)

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