

No. N.24026/06/2015 - PNDT
Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
(PNDT Division)

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 12th May, 2015

To,

The Principal Secretaries
(Health & FW),
All States/UTs,

Subject:- Decisions taken in 22nd Meeting of the Central Supervisory Board (CSB) held on 13th October, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Health & FW - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of the Central Supervisory Board [constituted under the Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostics Techniques Act (PC & PNDT Act), 1994] held on 13th October, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble HFM. The Central Supervisory Board constituted under the PC & PNDT Act, 1994 is apex policy making body for implementation of the Act.

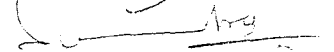
2. The Central Supervisory Board (CSB), in aforesaid meeting has made following recommendations:-

- (i) An Online grievance/complaint portal may be developed for receiving complaints against the unethical practice of sex selection.
- (ii) A comprehensive website containing all relevant information regarding implementation of the PC & PNDT Act, 1994.

3. In view of above recommendations of CSB, you are requested to take further necessary steps in this regard. In case if the State/UT already has such website/portal on the PC & PNDT Act, 1994, it is requested to ensure timely updation of all information.

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Yours faithfully,



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No. V.11011/05/2013 - PNNDT
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Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
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Dated the 12th May, 2015

To,

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All States/UTs,

Subject:- Decisions taken in 22nd Meeting of the Central Supervisory Board (CSB) held on 13th October, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Health & FW - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to say that an Expert Committee was constituted to re-examine the provisions of the PC & PNNDT Act, 1994 and rules framed thereunder. The expert committee had given clarifications regarding the powers of State Appropriate authorities and the closure of unused/idle/surrendered Ultrasound machines. The recommendations were placed in the 22nd Meeting of the Central Supervisory Board (CSB) [constituted under the Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostics Techniques Act (PC & PNNDT Act), 1994] held on 13th October, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble HFM. The CSB has endorsed the following recommendations made by the Expert Committee:-

- (i) *Same powers have been given to State Appropriate Authorities (SAA) as also to District Appropriate Authorities (DAA). SAA being an appellate authority over and above DAA with the jurisdiction for whole state, it has powers to direct the DAAs. In case DAA fails to implement the provisions of the PC & PNNDT Act, 1994, SAA can take direct action against any violator of the PC & PNNDT Act, 1994 and rules framed thereunder.*
- (ii) *The closure of unused/idle/surrendered Ultrasound machines lying in the registered clinics by the District Appropriate Authorities should be termed as voluntary decommissioning of equipment in place of sealing. Such terminology will de-legalize the process as it is voluntary in nature and is not done against any charge of offence.*

2. In view of above recommendations of CSB, you are requested to take further action and disseminate the same among all stakeholders.

Yours faithfully,

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Subject:- Medical Audit of all including of all records including Form F under the PC & PNNDT Act, 1994 - reg.

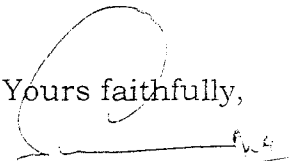
Sir/Madam,

I am directed to recall that the records have to be maintained and preserved in the prescribed formats under as per the PC&PNNDT Act, 1994 and rules framed thereunder by the Genetic Counselling Centres/Genetic Clinics/Genetic Laboratories/Ultrasound Centres/Imaging Centres etc.

2. In this regard in the Central Supervisory Board [constituted under the Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostics Techniques Act (PC & PNNDT Act), 1994] in its 22nd Meeting of held on 13th October, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble HFM, has noticed that the scrutiny/ Examination of various record is not being done properly by the concerned appropriate authorities.

3. The CSB has directed to conduct medical audit of all records including Form F, E, D and G by the District Appropriate Authorities. It is therefore, requested to instruct the District Appropriate Authorities to scrutinize and analyse all records to be maintained under the PC & PNNDT Act, 1994 and rules as it would help the Appropriate Authorities to identify the actual culprits who are involved in the illegal practice of sex selection. Further, the authorities may also analyse all records, including OPD, IPD and outcome registers of the IVF centres/facilities.

Yours faithfully,



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Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 14th May, 2015

To,
The Principal Secretaries
(Health & FW),
All States/UTs,

Subject:- Clarification regarding procedures to be followed in case of short term demonstration/display of Ultrasound/Imaging Machines in the workshops/CME - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to say that an Expert Committee was constituted to re-examine the provisions of the PC & PNNDT Act, 1994 and rules framed thereunder. The expert committee had given clarifications regarding the powers of State Appropriate authorities and the closure of unused/idle/surrendered Ultrasound machines. The recommendations were placed in the 22nd Meeting of the Central Supervisory Board (CSB) [constituted under the Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostics Techniques Act (PC & PNNDT Act), 1994] held on 13th October, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble HFM. The CSB has endorsed the following recommendations made by the Expert Committee:-

" District Appropriate Authority may grant permission for education/training or display of diagnostic technologies as prescribed below.

- (i) For display at scientific exhibition, the organising body should take permission from the District Appropriate Authority for the display of diagnostic technologies/equipment specifying their details. DAA should ensure that these diagnostic technologies are not used for live demonstration and the organizing body has to take all responsibilities for the violations under the PC & PNNDT Act, 1994, if any.
- (ii) For live demonstration at workshops and conferences, permission should be granted only when these diagnostic technologies are demonstrated in registered facilities under the PC & PNNDT Act, 1994 with transmission facility for viewing by the delegates. Along with the request by the organizing body the details of the diagnostic technologies/equipment used in the workshops/conferences and list of experts/professional demonstrating technologies along with qualifications must be submitted. The registered facility that provides its premises for same should also intimate to their respective District Appropriate Authority with all information pertaining to the equipment used and experts/professional demonstrating technologies. In all live demonstration and conferences Appropriate Authority should ensure that all the record under the provision of the PC & PNNDT Act are maintained and preserved. "

2. In view of above recommendations of CSB, you are requested to take further action and disseminate the same among all stakeholders.

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