

# **MTP ACT**

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# DEFINITION

- **Deliberate termination of pregnancy either by the medical & surgical method before the viability of the fetus is called induction of abortion**

# **MEDICAL TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY ACT 1971**

- The Indian abortion laws falls under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, which was enacted by the Indian Parliament in the year 1971 with the intention of reducing the incidence of illegal abortion and consequent maternal mortality and morbidity. The MTP Act came into effect from 1 April 1972 and was amended in the years 1975 and 2002.**
- Recently, the Supreme Court permitted a rape survivor to terminate her pregnancy at 24 weeks, which is beyond the permissible 20 weeks limit prescribed under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971**

# LEGAL ABORTION

- **Termination is performed by the medical practitioners (assisted in at least 25 MTP & degree in OBG) by the act.**
- **Termination is done at the place approved under the act.**
- **Termination done for condition & within the gestation week prescribed by the act.**
- **The abortion has to be reported to the director of health service of the state.**

# INDICATION

- **Women whose physical and/or mental health were endangered by the pregnancy**
- **Women facing the birth of a potentially handicapped or malformed child**
- **Rape**
- **Pregnancies in unmarried girls under the age of eighteen with the consent of a guardian**
- **Pregnancies that are a result of failure in sterilization**

# Who can terminate the pregnancy

- Experience minimum 3yr who is registered in state medical register
- 6months of house surgeon-ship in gynaecology Or experience of working in department of gynaecology –1yr
- A Practitioner who has assisted RMP in 25 cases of Medical termination of pregnancies, at least 5 of which have been performed independently in a hospital established or maintained by government or a training institute approved for this purpose by the Government.

# Experience and Training Required by a RMP

- **Up to 20 wks PG Degree or Diploma in OBG**
- **Completed 6 months as House Surgeon in OBG**
- **At least one yr experience in dept of OBG at any hospital that has all facilities.**

# Where pregnancy can be terminated - PLACE

- Hospitals established or maintained by the Government
- A Place approved by the Government or DLC constituted by the Government.



# Consent

- **Only the consent of a women is required**
- **If Age <18 yrs or a mentally ill patient, consent of guardian is required.**

## CONSENT FORM

### FORM C

[See rule 9]

I \_\_\_\_\_ daughter/wife of \_\_\_\_\_ aged about  
\_\_\_\_\_ years of \_\_\_\_\_  
(here state the permanent address)

at present residing at \_\_\_\_\_

do hereby give my consent to termination of my pregnancy at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(State the name of place where the pregnancy is to be terminated)

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

**(To be filled in by guardian where the woman is a mentally ill person or minor)**

I \_\_\_\_\_ son/daughter/wife of \_\_\_\_\_ aged about  
\_\_\_\_\_ years of \_\_\_\_\_  
(permanent address)

at present residing at give my consent to the termination of the pregnancy of my ward \_\_\_\_\_

who is a minor/lunatic at \_\_\_\_\_  
(place of termination of pregnancy)

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

# Violation of The ACT

- Any person doing MTP and not a RMP can be punished with rigorous imprisonment for 2-7 yrs.
- If terminating at a place which is not approved can be punished 2-7 yrs rigorous imprisonment.
- The owner of unapproved place , performing termination can also be punished with rigorous imprisonment 2-7 yrs

# COMPLICATION OF MTP

## IMMEDIATE:

- Injury to the cervix (cervical lacerations)
- Uterine perforation during D and C
- Hemorrhage and shock due to trauma, incomplete abortion, atonic uterus or rarely coagulation failure
- Thrombosis or embolism

# COMPLICATION OF MTP

**REMOTE:** The complications are grouped into:

## Gynecological complications include

- Menstrual disturbances
- Chronic pelvic inflammation
- Scar endometriosis (1%)

## Obstetrical complications include

- Ectopic pregnancy (three -fold increase )
- Preterm labour
- Dysmaturity
- Rupture uterus

Thank you!

