

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**(Department of Health and Family Welfare)****NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 7th February, 2012

G.S.R. 80(E).— In exercise of the powers conferred by section 32 of the Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 (57 of 1994), the Central Government hereby makes the following further amendments to the Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Rules, 1996 namely :-

1. (1) These rules may be called the **Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Amendment Rules, 2012.**

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Rules, 1996 (herein after referred to as the said rules) in rule 2, after clause (f), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely: -

'(g) "Mobile Medical Unit" means a mobile vehicle which provides specialised facilities for the patients, requiring basic specialist services and provides improved access to healthcare facilities and equitable distribution of health services at the doorsteps, across the country, especially in the underserved areas'.

'(h) "Mobile Genetic Clinic" means a mobile medical unit where ultrasound machine or imaging machine or scanner or other equipment capable of determining sex of the foetus or a portable equipment which has the potential for detection of sex during pregnancy or selection of sex before conception is used'.

2. In the said rules, after rule 3A, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:-

"3B (1). Regulation of portable machines- The use of portable ultrasound machine or any other portable machine or device which has the potential for selection of sex before conception or detection of sex during pregnancy shall be permitted only in the following conditions, namely :-

(a) the portable machine being used, within the premises it is registered, for providing services to the indoor patients ;

(b) as part of a mobile medical unit, offering a bouquet of other health and medical services;

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