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**Subject:** Implementation of MTP Act, 1971.

During the visit to some districts for reviewing the PCPNDT and MTP Act implementation following issues has been observed.

1. In some districts the pregnancies are terminated by the unqualified persons at the Places which are not approved under the provision of MTP Act.
2. Some of the MTP centers are not reporting all numbers of MTPs performed or not reporting at all some of the hospitals performing MTP/abortions are not even registered.
3. Pregnancy terminations done in second trimester are tend to record intentionally as first trimester MTP and in most of the cases the indication mentioned is failure of contraceptive method or device.
4. Most of the MTP centers are not complied with provision under section 3, 4, 5 and 6 of MTP Regulations, 2003.
5. There is an increasing trend of creating artificial indications for abortion by misuse of medical abortion drugs like mifepristone and misoprostol. Administration of such drugs to pregnant women causes intra uterine death of foetus, incomplete abortion or severe bleeding per vagina. Consequently, abortions are performed in such conditions as emergency. Thus abortions performed are neither registered in the MTP register (Form III) nor reported to authority on the pretext that terminated pregnancy is not a live foetus. The MTP is considered as discontinuation of live pregnancy. There is every possibility that such cases are of selective sex selection followed by termination of pregnancy.

Hence, there is a need to make all AAs aware about the issue of unregistered and unqualified persons performing abortions, misuse of medical abortion drugs for creating artificial indications to perform, strengthening reporting of MTP, monitor the abortions performed by MTP centres and compliance of provisions of Regulations, 2003.

**As Per MTP ACT 1971 Following are the standards about registration of MTP centre and keeping the important records**

1) **Registered Medical Practitioner should be allowed to perform MTP as per following condition**

- Recognized medical qualification under the Indian Medical Council Act **AND**
- Whose name is entered in a State Medical Register **AND**
- Who has such experience or training in gynecology and obstetrics as per the MTP Rules

2) **Experience & Training Requirement of Provider**

➤ **For termination up to 12 weeks**

A practitioner who has assisted a RMP in performing 25 cases of MTP of which at least **5 performed independently** in a hospital established or maintained or a training institute approved by the Government

➤ **For termination up to 20 weeks**

- post-graduate degree or diploma in Obstetrics and Gynecology OR
- six months house job in Obstetrics and Gynecology OR
- at least one-year experience in practice of Obstetrics and Gynecology at a hospital which has all facilities

3) A pregnancy can be terminated in a hospital nursing home/private clinic/NGO) approved by the Government or a District-Level committee constituted by the Government.

OR

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Maintained by the Government. The Government facilities are automatically approved for providing MTP, Thus no other approval is required to start services.

#### Following Equipments required for site approval

Up to 12 Weeks	Up to 20 weeks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exam/labour table</li> <li>• Resuscitation and sterilization equipment</li> <li>• Drugs &amp; parental fluid</li> <li>• Back up facilities for treatment of Shock</li> <li>• Facilities for Transportation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operation table</li> <li>• Resuscitation and sterilization equipment</li> <li>• Drugs &amp; parental fluid</li> <li>• Back up facilities for treatment of Shock</li> <li>• Instruments for performing abdominal or gynae surgery</li> <li>• Anesthetic equipment &amp; resuscitation equipment</li> </ul>

Government facility should have above equipment

#### 4) Following Documents should be maintained in MTP Center

- Form A :- Application Form For Site Approval
- Form B :- Certificate of Approval
- Form C :- Consent Form
- Form I :- RMP Opinion Form
- Form II :- MTP Reporting Form
- Form III:- Admission Register

5) MMA (Medical Method abortion) allowed up to 7 to 9 weeks.

6) Required consent of woman (only >18yrs.) or Guardian (if women <18 yrs, mentally ill)

7) 2 RMP'S Opinion required for 12 to 20 weeks MTP.

The following instructions are issued which should be stringently observed in this regard:-

1. The unqualified persons (MTP Rules, 2003, section 4) performing abortions and the non-approved places (MTP Rules, 2003, section 5) where pregnancies are terminated should be identified and prosecuted as per provision in the MTP Act. The intelligence from ASHA, ANM, local medical practitioners, Chemists etc will help in identifying them.

2. The incidence of indications for termination of pregnancy like intra uterine death of foetus (IUD), incomplete abortion, abortion performed due to severe bleeding per vagina, inevitable abortion, and threatened abortion should be monitored of all MTP centers and investigations of such cases should be done carefully to rule out possibility of prenatal sex selection and false indication for termination of pregnancy.
3. The abortions performed for various reasons at the MTP centers are not recorded in the Admission Register (Prescribed Form III, MTP Regulations, 2003, section 5) should be monitored separately to rule out the violations of the provisions in MTP Act. The monthly report need to be obtained in the format enclosed herewith.
4. The monthly report submitted by the MTP center (Form II, Regulation 4(5)) should be verified from the register as regards of its correctness of reported figures.
5. During inspection of MTP center the length of gestation of pregnancy terminated and correctness of indication mentioned should be verified for which suitable evidence should be asked.
6. During inspection of MTP center ensure compliance of MTP Regulations, 2003, section 3 (certifying opinion or opinions), 4 (custody of forms), 5 (maintenance of Admission Register) and 6 (confidentiality).

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