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Ref.No.325 /Abortion Bill/14,

Date : 1st November 2014.

To

- 1 Hon. President of India
New Delhi – 110 001.
- 2 Hon. Prime Minister of India
New Delhi – 110 001.
- 3 Hon. Minister,
Ministry of Women & Child
New Delhi – 110 001.
- 4 Hon. Minister,
Ministry of Health
New Delhi – 110 001.
- 5 Hon. Chair Person,
National Commission for Women
New Delhi – 110 001.
- 6 Hon. Chair Person
National Human Right Commission
New Delhi – 110 001.
- 7 Hon. Chief Minister of Maharashtra
Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 038.

Subject : **Protest against** proposal to allow Abortion till 24 weeks may become legal.

Respected Sir,

Cause of protest is first arise when we peruse shocking news in DNA News Paper dated 1.11.2014 under the title " Abortion till 24 weeks may become legal soon. " It is very shameful thing in a country like India which observe religious and holy spirit and keep respect about life of human being, nature, animals etc. and as per religious theory we see existence of life in each and every animal, plant and human beings. It is a killer thought. Atleast it is not expected at least from New Govt. because the new Govt. formed out of such a party which never left out its ethics and religious strategy.

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It is a medical truth that after 3 months life developed in the body of child. But enhancing period of sustaining pregnancy prior to abortion is quite wrong and against the ethics of humanity because the child develop sufficiently within 6 month and allowing abortion up to 6 months is one type of assassination of child who is due for entering into universe. So many child take; premature birth even after 6 or 7 months and they survive in this world and living normal life. It means implementing this proposal is one type of a killer thing, it's a cool blooded crime being took place in the white colour society. Our NGO raise strong protest against this 24 months proposal.

Main reason behind increasing rape cases in country now-a-days is improper equilibrium in between quantum of birth rate of girl child and male child. The ratio of female child is lesser than male child. In many states in India the youth are facing problem to search bride for wedding because of meager birth rate found in States like Rajasthan and Hariyana wherein large no. of girl child were killed in abortion after sex determination test. If the new proposal to enhance period up to 24 months take place, the birth rate of girl child shall again decrease and there shall be hike in incidence of rape in this country. One of the main cause of rape is dis balance of birth rate of girls and boys. Govt. has expended crores of rupees to stop sex determination test in country. Govt. has spent crores of rupees for girl child education and upliftment of social standard of women in this country. Govt. spent crores of rupees on Girl child protection campaign. If such abortion bill is implemented, there will be huge death cases of child take place and there shall be no criteria to recognize whether it is a female child or male child. When Govt. is trying to stop death of girl child by banning the Sex Determination Test then after passing this abortion bill the motive of Govt. to save girl child shall be gone in vein.

Then what happen to Save Girl Child Drive of Govt.

The abortion is allowed in only few religions in this country. Due to newly introduced proposal of 24 months is implemented in India, there shall be disproportionate social and religious equilibrium. The population of certain religion in which abortion is not allowed shall be increased and rest of the religion shall face problem of limited population if above said abortion proposal is implemented. The population rate of particular religion in which abortion is not allowed shall be increased like any thing and consequences of rapid growth of that particular religion is adversely experienced by this country in last few years.

This upcoming abortion bill is against our fundamental right and human right.

(Right to live)

given by Constitution of India. No such rule can be formed against violation of provision of above fundamental rights.

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Abortion till 24 weeks may become legal soon

Santosh Andhale & Somita Pal

Consistent efforts of the National Commission of Women (NCW) and the doctor fraternity to make changes in India's abortion law have finally borne fruit. The ministry of health and family welfare's maternal health division has proposed to amend the existing Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971, to allow abortion until the 24th week of pregnancy.

The proposed Act, which will be called the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Bill, 2014, has been put up on the website of the health ministry for people to review till November 10, after which the draft will be finalised.

As reported by dna in February 2013, the NCW, after reviewing the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, 1971, recommended to the union health ministry that abortions till the 24 week of pregnancy may be allowed.

The amendment

Dr Nikhil Datar, a gynaecologist and health rights activist who has been actively fighting for the cause said, "The proposed amendment is a welcome move as the new Act's section 4, 2 (b)(ii) talks about MTP after twenty weeks and not exceeding 24 weeks of pregnancy in case the pregnancy is risking the woman's life or poses a risk to the unborn child."

Further, the amended Act talks about the 24-week MTP on grounds that a pregnancy due to rape or failure of contraception methods will be considered a grave injury to the mental health of the pregnant woman. It states that diagnosis of any substantial foetal abnormalities after 20 weeks till 24 weeks will be considered for MTP.



The case that triggered debate on abortion law

According to gynaecologists, the move has come late, but is a beacon of hope for several women like Niketa Mehta. In August 2008, Bhayander resident Niketa and her husband Hareesh had approached the Bombay high court in the 24th week of her pregnancy seeking permission to abort her foetus, which had developed a congenital heart defect. The plea was refused, but she later suffered a miscarriage. The case triggered a national de-

bate on the abortion law.

"Most cardiac anomalies can only be detected after 22 weeks of pregnancy. Thereafter, the parents need time to talk it out with family and friends," said Dr Datar, who was Mehta's doctor and had supported her decision to move court.

Boon for women, say doctors

The old Act allows MTP till the 20th week of pregnancy. Medical experts in India have been demanding that a few abnormalities should be included as a valid reason for MTP after 20 weeks.

Dr Rishma Dhillon-Pai, consultant gynaecologist at Jaslok Hospital, says the period between 20 weeks and 22 weeks offers good opportunities to check for anomalies in foetuses. "We ask a patient to undergo tests around the 18th week to find abnormalities. Some reports take 3 weeks and we lose out on the MTP cut-off time. A little extension will be a boon to a lot of women," said Dr Pai.

Dr Ashwini Bhalerao, gynaecologist at PD Hinduja Hospital said, "It is true that some anomalies are picked only at later stage of pregnancy. MTP should be allowed in certain conditions. Our law is very liberal and in good faith. MTP has been a disputed issue worldwide. Doctors and patients should use the law ethically and judicially."

In Mumbai, Halloween is a horror party where people dress up in fun costumes



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Date: 14 Nov 2014

Enclosed please find for appropriate attention a petition Dt:-01 Nov 2014 addressed to the President of India, which is self explanatory.

Action taken on the petition may please be communicated to the petitioner directly under intimation to this Secretariat.

(Chirabrata Sarkar)
Under Secretary

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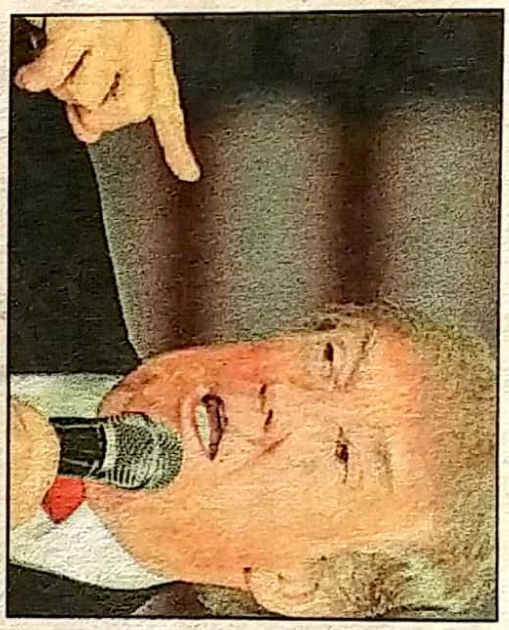
Trump thinks abortion is 'murder'

WASHINGTON: US abortion laws are set for now, Donald Trump has said, reiterating that he thinks abortion is "murder" days after igniting a firestorm by suggesting women who have them should be punished.

Trump has been criticised by abortion supporters and opponents for not being clear about his position on the hot-button political issue.

Abortions are still fiercely opposed by many Republicans, four decades after the US Supreme Court affirmed its legality nationwide.

"The laws are set now on abortion and that's the way they're going to remain until they're changed," Trump said in an interview with the NBC News program Face the Nation. Later in the interview, which will air in full on Sunday, Trump



■ **Donald Trump**

said he agreed that "abortion is murder".

Hours after the interview excerpt was released on Friday, Trump campaign spokesperson Hope Hicks denied his candidate was backtracking on his opposition to abortion.

"Mr. Trump gave an accurate account of the law as it is today and made clear it must stay that way now -- until he is president," Hicks said.

"Then he will change the law through his judicial appointments and allow the states to protect the unborn. There is nothing new or different here."

The 69-year-old Trump — who has been a Democrat, a political independent and is only a recent convert to the "pro-life" anti-abortion position -- has been accused of flip-flopping on the issue.

Trump shocked many watchers in an interview on MSNBC, broadcast on Wednesday, when he said "there has to be some form of punishment" for a woman who has an abortion.

The Trump campaign later issued a statement saying that if abortion were to become illegal under US law, then the doctor or any other person involved in performing the procedure would be legally responsible.

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