Registration of IVF/ART centres/clinics under the PCPNDT Act, 1994 [9 October 2014]

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The Chairperson State Appropriate Authority All States/UTs

Subject: Registration of IVF/ART Centres/Clinics under PC&PNDT Act, 1994 – Issuance of guidelines reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that all ART/IVF procedures/tests & techniques are recognized as pre-natal diagnostic procedures/ pre-natal diagnostic techniques/ pre-natal diagnostic tests or under Sections 2(i), 2(j) and 2(k) of the PC&PNDT Act 1994, which are reproduced as under:

Section 2(i) "prenatal diagnostic procedures" mean all gynaecological or obstetrical or medical procedure such as ultrasonography, foetoscopy, taking, removing samples of amniotic fluid, chorionic villi; embryo, blood or any other tissue or fluid of a man, or of a woman before or after conception, or being sent to a Genetic Laboratory or Genetic Clinic for conducting any type of analysis or pre natal diagnostic tests for selection of sex before or after conception.

Section 2(j) "prenatal diagnostic techniques" include all pre-natal diagnostic procedures and pre-natal diagnostic tests.

Section 2(k) "pre-natal diagnostic test" means ultrasonography or any test or analysis of amniotic fluid, chorionic villi, embryo, blood or any other tissue or fluid of a pregnant woman or conceptus conducted to detect genetic or metabolic disorders or chromosomal abnormalities or congenital anomalies or haemoglobinopathies or sex-linked diseases.

2. In view of the above provisions of the Act, all the ART clinics or centres/IVF clinics or centres/Surrogacy Clinics or centres or other such centres are mandatorily required to be registered under PC&PNDT Act 1994 either as Genetic Counselling Centres [Section 2(c)], Genetic clinics [Section 2(d)] or Genetic Laboratories [Section 2(e)], as defined under the PC&PNDT Act 1994 depending on the activities being performed by the centres/clinics.

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- 3. Further, the range of activities of these centres/clinics or laboratories is extensively defined under Sections 2(i), 2(j) and 2(k) of the PCPNDT Act 1994. All diagnostic procedures/techniques/tests conducted in such clinics/centres should be recorded either in the Form F (revised) or Form E (whichever is relevant) and reported to the Appropriate Authorities concerned. Sections A, B, C of the revised Form F capture all possible diagnostic procedures/tests, non-invasive diagnostic procedures/tests and invasive procedures/tests. Point 21(v) of Section (C) of revised Form F may capture any other invasive procedures/tests if it is not explicitly covered under the revised Form F.
- 4. As such, there is no need of a separate Form F for the IVF/ART centres and the IVF/ART centres are mandatorily required to be registered under the PCPNDT Act 1994. All the Appropriate Authorities concerned are advised to compile and update data related to such ART/IVF centres as a part of QPR and submit accordingly to this Ministry as clearly required under Rule 9(8) of the PC&PNDT Act 1996.
- 6. This issues with the approval of competent authority.
- 7. Kindly acknowledge the receipt of this letter

Yours faithfully,

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