1. **What is pre-natal determination of sex?**

   Determination of the child's sex before his/her birth is called as pre-natal determination of sex.

2. **What is sex selective abortions?**

   Termination of a pregnancy based on predicted sex of the unborn baby is called as sex selective abortion. For example, terminating a pregnancy based on the prediction or knowledge that the unborn baby is a girl.

3. **What does the law prohibit?**

   The law prohibits all persons or organizations from determining the sex of the foetus and from communicating or advertising anything related to pre-natal determination of sex.

4. **Who are considered as offenders by law?**

   Anyone who approaches for sex selection or anyone who conducts pre- natal diagnostic techniques on any pregnant women can be punished with imprisonment for a term upto 3 years and with fine upto Rs.10,000 for first conviction.

5. **Who can I complain about the offender?**

   A complaint can be filed with-
   (a) the Metropolitan Magistrate or a Judicial Magistrate of the first class (or)
   (b) Appropriate Authority appointed by the State Government.

6. **What does the Appropriate Authority do?**

   Appropriate Authority/Authorities are appointed by the State Government to curb the problem of pre-natal sex determination leading to female foeticide (killing of female unborn babies).

   The Appropriate Authority is responsible
   (a) To grant, suspend or cancel registration of a Genetic Councelling Centre, Genetic Laboratory or Genetic Clinic.
   (b) To take appropriate legal action against the use of any sex selection technique by any person at any place. The Authority can take action by themselves or when brought to their notice and investigate the matter.

7. **Who is the Appropriate Authority in Chittoor and Kadapa districts?**

   (a) Collector of your district
   (b) District Medical and Health Officers
   (c) You can also call <u>104 </u>toll free number and register the issue. Names of such persons will be kept confidential.

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