



**THE ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH
HEALTH & MEDICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

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UT Secretariat, Leh
Dated: 28.11.2022

Reference: Letter No. W.12017/06/2012-PNDT dated 18.02.2022 issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (PNDT Section), Government of India, New Delhi.

Subject: Constitution of multi-member Appropriate Authority of UT of Ladakh under Preconception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994.

**Order No. 21-H&ME/UTL/2022
Dated 28.11.2022**

In pursuance of the directives of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare(PNDT Section), Government of India, New Delhi vide above referred letter and in exercise of the powers conferred by Sub Section (2) of Section 17 of the Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994, the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh is hereby pleased to appoint the following officers as multi-member Appropriate Authority of UT of Ladakh under Preconception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994.

Sr. No.	Appropriate Authority	
1.	An Officer of or above the rank of the Joint Director of Health and Family Welfare - Chairperson	Director Health Services, UT of Ladakh- Chairperson
2.	An Officer of Law Department of the State or the Union Territory concerned	Officer not below the rank of Deputy Secretary from Department of Law- Member

Terms of Reference:

According to Sub Section (4) of Section 17 of the Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994, The Appropriate Authority shall have the following functions, namely: —

- to grant, suspend or cancel registration of a Genetic Counselling Centre, Genetic Laboratory or Genetic Clinic;
- to enforce standards prescribed for the Genetic Counselling Centre, Genetic Laboratory and Genetic Clinic;
- to investigate complaints of breach of the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder and take immediate action;
- to seek and consider the advice of the Advisory Committee, constituted under sub-section (5), on application for registration and on complaints for suspension or cancellation of registration;

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- e) to take appropriate legal action against the use of any sex selection technique by any person at any place, suo motu or brought to its notice and also to initiate independent investigations in such matter;
- f) to create public awareness against the practice of sex selection or pre-natal determination of sex;
- g) to supervise the implementation of the provisions of the Act and rules;
- h) to recommend to the CSB and State Boards modifications required in the rules in accordance with changes in technology or social conditions;
- i) to take action on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee made after investigation of complaint for suspension or cancellation of registration.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Sd/-

(Dr. Pawan Kotwal, IAS)

Principal Secretary


Health & Medical Education Department

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Copy to:

1. Deputy Commissioners/CEOs, LAHDC, Leh/Kargil.
2. Director Health Services, UT of Ladakh.
3. Technical Directors, NIC, Leh.
4. Chief Medical Officer, Leh/Kargil.
5. Medical Superintendent, SNM Hospital, Leh.
6. Medical Superintendent District Hospital Kargil.
7. OSD to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT of Ladakh for kind information of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor.
8. OSD to Principal Secretary, Health and Medical Education for kind information of the Principal Secretary.
9. Pvt. Secretary to Advisor to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT of Ladakh for kind information of the Advisor.
10. Concerned Officials.
11. Order File/Office file.


28/11/2022
(Dr. Iftakhar Ahmad Chowdhry) IRS,
Additional Secretary,
Health & Medical Education Department.