


Civil Society Recommendations on making the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Bill 2020 a Rights Based Legislation

We welcome the move to amend the MTP Act 1971 and the government’s intention to ensure safe, affordable and accessible abortion services to all women. However, here are some recommendations we propose which would strengthen the bill further.


For more details on the recommendations read here: <https://pratigyacampaign.org/research/civil-society-recommendations-on-making-the-medical-termination-of-pregnancy-amendment-bill-2020-a-rights-based-legislation/>



Recommendation 01

The extension of gestation limit from 20-24 weeks be applicable to all pregnant persons and not be restricted to only – certain categories of women.


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Recommendation 02

The length of the pregnancy and upper gestation limit should be extended to include survivors of sexual abuse/rape.


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Recommendation 03

To ensure confidentiality is safeguarded, the provider should not disclose any particulars of the pregnant person whose pregnancy has been terminated.

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Recommendation 04

Medical Boards should not be constituted.

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Recommendation 05

We propose that the term 'abnormalities' be replaced by the word 'anomalies'.

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Recommendation 06

We propose that the term 'woman' in the Bill be replaced by 'person' or 'pregnant person' in order to include transgender people.

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Recommendation 07

The MTP Amendment Bill 2020 should approve **Medical Method of Abortion** in line with the WHO recommendation.

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Recommendation 08

When the MTP Rules are framed/revised, we would urge that widespread consultations are held with **civil society organizations, providers and legal experts.**

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