

Country Profile: India

Region: South-Eastern Asia

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Identified policies and legal sources related to abortion:

- Reproductive Health Act
- General Medical Health Act
- Constitution
- ✓ Criminal / Penal Code
- Civil Code
- ✓ Ministerial Order / Decree
- ✓ Case Law
- ✓ Health Regulation / Clinical Guidelines
- ✓ EML / Registered List
- Medical Ethics Code
- Document Relating to Funding
- ✓ Abortion Specific Law
- Law on Medical Practitioners
- Law on Health Care Services
- ✓ Other

Related Documents

From Criminal / Penal Code:

- [Penal Code, 1860](#)

From Ministerial Order / Decree:

- [Medical Termination of Pregnancy Rules, 2003](#)
- [Medical Termination of Pregnancy Amendment Rules, 2021](#)

From Case Law:

- [Supreme Court Judgement, 2022](#)

From Health Regulation / Clinical Guidelines:

- [India Guide Abortion Sex Selection MoH, 2015](#)
- [India Medical Abortion Handbook MoH, 2016](#)
- [Training for Early Medical Abortion, 2022](#)
- [Comprehensive Abortion Care Training Service and Delivery Guidelines, 2023](#)

From EML / Registered List:

- [National List of Essential Medicines, 2022](#)
- [Misoprostol -form 46](#)

From Abortion Specific Law:

- [The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971](#)
- [The Medical Termination of Pregnancy as Amended, 2002](#)
- [The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Amendment Act, 2021](#)

From Other:

- [The Pre-conception & Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques \(Prohibition of Sex Selection Act and Rules as Amended, 2003](#)
- [Guidelines and Protocols - Medicolegal Care for Survivors/ Victims of Sexual Violence](#)
- [Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016](#)

List of ratified human rights treaties:

- ✓ CERD
- ✓ CCPR
- Xst OP
- 2nd OP
- ✓ CESC
- CESCR-OP
- CAT
- CAT-OP
- ✓ CEDAW
- CEDAW-OP
- ✓ CRC
- ✓ CRC:OPSC
- ✓ CRC:OPAC
- CRC:OPIC
- CMW
- ✓ CRPD *
- CRPD-OP
- CED **
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Concluding Observations:

- [CEDAW](#)
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- [CESCR](#)
- [CRC](#)
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- [CRPD](#)
- [SR VAW](#)

Persons who can be sanctioned:

- ✓ A woman or girl can be sanctioned
- ✓ Providers can be sanctioned
- ✓ A person who assists can be sanctioned

