

## **PNDT Note upto March, 2016**

As you are aware, in Haryana, we are grappling with problem of skewed sex ratio since time immemorial. Although Haryana has made tremendous improvement in the fields of infrastructure, IT, education and housing etc. but still we have to do a lot to improve the skewed sex ratio in Haryana. This is not only health problem but a social problem also.

Health Department has intensified its campaign to curb illegal centres/doctors involved in sex selection throughout Haryana. 23527 inspections of registered centres have been done so far, out of which 2874 inspections were done last one year i.e. April 2015 to March 2016. 546 registrations suspended/cancelled out of which, 58 suspension/cancellation in last one year i.e. April 2015 to March 2016. 395 centres were sealed, out of these 95 centres sealed in last one year i.e. April 2015 to March 2016. Charges have been framed against 18 doctors out of which 6 are in last one year i.e. April 2015 to March 2016. Name of four doctors have been suspended from Register of Haryana State Medical Council due to framing of charges by court under Pre-conception & Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection), Act, 1994, out of which 2 are in last one year.

There is marked improvement in convictions (9) under PNDT in last one year i.e. April 2015 to March 2016 with a total of 66 (40 doctors) convictions out of 155 court cases under PNDT till March, 2016 out of which 38 court case have been launched in last one year i.e. April 2015 to March 2016. Till March 2016, 103 appeals have been heard by State Appropriate Authority, out of which 20 are in last one year i.e. April 2015 to March 2016.

Name of 14 doctors have been removed from Register of State Medical Council for five years and name of 2 doctors have been suspended after conviction under Pre-conception & Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection), Act, 1994 till March, 2016

Regular District Task Force meetings (189) were conducted to review the implementation of PC & PNDT Act in each district under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, out of which 58 were conducted in last one year i.e. April 2015 to March 2016. Till March 2016, 1634 meetings of District Advisory Committee have been done, out of which 137 meetings have been done in last one year i.e. April 2015 to March 2016. 85 raids have been done in last nine months under PNDT. Till March 2016, 105 FIR under PC & PNDT Act has been launched, out of which 74 FIRs have been registered in last one year.

With all these efforts, CRS Sex ratio in March, 2016 is 896, out of which nine districts have sex ratio more than 900, 10 districts have sex ratio between 850-900 and two districts are below 850 (Kurukshetra- 831 and Mohendergarh – 787).