

1.The MTP Act was the first attempt to legislate Abortion in India. True or False?

Ans- true, the MTP act in the 1970s was the first attempt to legislate abortion in india. Furthermore, this act was amended throughout the coming decades and seek to include more groups who are concerned with abortion.

2.What was the motivation behind creating a more liberal abortion law in India?

Ans- India was developing as a country after being colonised for many years. The 1970s were still very primitive years which were not very liberal. Indian state felt the need to protect Women's health and regulate the medical facility related to abortion. The act was made in order to address women who have been rape survivors and woman who had unwanted pregnancy. Population control can be one the reasons as well.

3.What was the rationale behind amending the MTP Act in 2002?

Ans- because the law still hindered the process of seeking abortion, the bureaucracy acted as a barrier in many cases due to heavy rules and regulations and approvals. This led to decentralisation of the process which helped private facilities conduct their services more smoothly. This also changed the term "lunatic" to "mentally ill", stricter punishment was added for more years,it was a step taken to ensure that abortions were taking place safely.

4.Mention some of the gaps in the MTP Act.

Ans-MTP only addressed cis-gendered heteronormative individuals in the act. There is no inclusion of transmen,non binary individuals,and intersex people. And even though it does feature "woman and her partner", the act doesn't recognise a single woman who might seek abortion. Thus, there should be gender inclusivity in this act. Furthermore, the act is ableist in the sense that it uses archaic terms like "abnormality" when talking about physical anomalies.

5.How can the MTP Act be improved?

Ans- the act can include more genders other than women. It can provide a better safe space for people seeking abortion by allowing the patient to have more power to take decisions. Even though the rules and regulations work for the pregnant person, the time limit and certain rules can work against the pregnant person seeking abortion. Sometimes a pregnant person doesn't realise they are pregnant, or certain circumstances can lead them towards abortion, therefore a time limit on abortion can cause problems to those people who want to seek abortion. Thus the choice is still a very tricky territory in this Act.