

India's abortion law is also known as MTP, which means. medical termination of Pregnancy Act 1971. According to this law, a pregnant person can seek abortion safely in case of contraceptive failure and health risk. It can be performed for up to 20 weeks. After that, the opinion of a medical professional is necessary. In many cases, court have allowed abortion to be conducted after 20 weeks.

In USA, although abortion is legal, many states regulate their rules & laws regarding the abortion & its accessibility.

Individual states create "trigger laws" which can make all abortions in their states illegal within the first & second trimesters. States like Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Mississippi have regulated abortion law and in some of them it's banned. Recently, the Supreme Court in US refused to put a hold on Texas anti-abortion laws which bans termination of pregnancy after six weeks. The ban is being criticised and called regressive & a violation of the rights of women.

The issue of abortion in the West is heavily based on pro-life & pro-choice dichotomy. The pro-lifers choose to hold the fetus's life more superior than the woman/person who is pregnant. While the pro choice supporters argue that it is the woman's choice & her own independent decision whether to go on with the pregnancy or not. Most of the feminists drift towards the pro choice side as they hold the life of a woman, an already socialised, living human being.

If we compare India's abortion law with the US one, then it will be clear how both the legal systems work. The MTP Act applies all over India except in Jammu and Kashmir. While the United States does not have a uniform law which binds the whole country into a regulated, similar law and rules. Even though abortion is not banned in the United States, it's still a very difficult choice to choose as there are political ideologies which control the decision making of the citizens. But in many liberal states, abortion is safe, accessible and even free in women's health clinics like "planned parenthood". While in India, even though there is a law in place, abortion is still a very stigmatized issue and not a very smooth sailing decision. Because it is sometimes tangled with POSCO and PNDT act, it becomes difficult for the pregnant individuals to seek abortion. The cultural rigidity and taboo related to sex and abortion is also a factor in this. While the west is not conservative when it comes to sexual health or sex, it's still very regressive when it comes to abortion and a person's choice to practice it.