

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3413
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH AUGUST, 2026**

ILLEGAL TREATMENTS IN UNIVERSAL IVF CENTRES

†3413. SMT. DHANORKAR PRATIBHA SURESH:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has come to light during an investigation by the Health Department that 'Babysuar' and 'Indira IVF' of Chandrapur city have started the treatment illegally without registration in violation of the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Act, 2021 passed by the Parliament, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the mechanism available with the Government to keep a strictly vigil on the entities deceiving the public financially and mentally by operating unlicensed IVF centres in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities;
- (c) whether the Government is likely to issue strict guidelines to the State Governments regarding permanent cancellation of the licenses and direct registration of criminal cases against such centres that commence illegal treatments prior to receiving the official registration certificate, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the names of all the registered IVF centres is likely to be displayed on the Government digital portal to prevent the defrauding of common citizens across the country and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

- (a) Based on the information received from Maharashtra State Appropriate Authority which is the competent Authority to grant registration to ART clinics, Babysure and Indira IVF Clinic applied for registration on 19.01.2026 and 17.02.2026 respectively. During inspection, which is mandated before granting approval, the two centres were found to have several deficiencies. They were asked to stop providing services until they were rectified. Subsequently Babysure clinic has filed a court case and the matter is presently sub-judice. Indira IVF clinic has rectified the deficiencies observed by the inspecting team and the matter regarding grant of registration is under consideration of the State Appropriate Authority.
- (b) & (c): The implementation and enforcement of the provisions of the ART(Regulation) Act, 2021 primarily lies with the State/UT Appropriate authority.

Section 13 of ART(Regulation) Act, 2021 prescribes the functions of Appropriate Authority envisaging the power to grant, suspend or cancel registration of a clinic or bank and to enforce the standard to be fulfilled by the clinics/ banks. Further, Appropriate Authorities are empowered to investigate complaints of breach of the provision of this Act, Rules & Regulations made thereunder and take legal action as per the provision of the Act.

Further, Section 15 of the ART(Regulation) Act, 2021 prohibits any person to establish any clinic or bank for undertaking Assisted Reproductive Technology or to render assisted reproductive technology procedures in any form unless such clinic or bank is duly registered under this Act.

Further, penal provisions under section 34 of the ART(Regulation) Act, 2021 have been prescribed for the centres that commence illegal treatments prior to receiving of the official registration certificate.

(d): The data of all registered ART Clinics, ART banks and Surrogacy clinics as uploaded by the respective State/UT Appropriate Authorities on the National ART and Surrogacy registry portal, is available in the public domain at <https://registry.artsurrogacy.gov.in>.
