

Title: Reported illegal practices adopted by 'Assisted Reproductive Technology Clinics' causing danger to Society.

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH (ULUBERIA): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Health Minister regarding a serious problem in our country. Due to absence of any law to regulate the functioning of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) in our country, thousands of people are suffering physically, mentally, and financially. One estimate says that there are hundreds of ART clinics functioning in different parts of the country, and approximately Rs. 50,000 crore worth of business is coming from those centres. It is also stated that most unqualified doctors are running those centres.

Approximately, 10 per cent to 15 per cent Indian couples are reported to be infertile. So, they have to visit these fertility centres, but these centres are not entitled to preserve the ovum, sperm, embryo, etc.

They are not entitled, but they do it illegally, without the consent of the donors, and they sell it at a whopping price. They are exporting it to European countries because it is prohibited in those countries. This is a very serious matter. The functioning of these ART Centres is not only illegal, immoral, but also in financial terms, they are adopting corrupt practices.

I would request the hon. Health Minister to take note of that and bring a suitable law to check these things. ICMR formed a Committee to look into that and they submitted their report, which is also not correct. The matter should be properly inquired into. After consultations with all the concerned, a correct decision should be taken and a regulatory act to control the ART Centres should be brought before this House.

श्री चन्द्रमणि त्रिपाठी (रीवा) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, आपने मेरा नाम बुलाया था।

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अध्यक्ष महोदय : ठीक है। माफ किया। आपको बुलाएंगे।

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MR. SPEAKER: You cannot break the queue at your sweet-will.