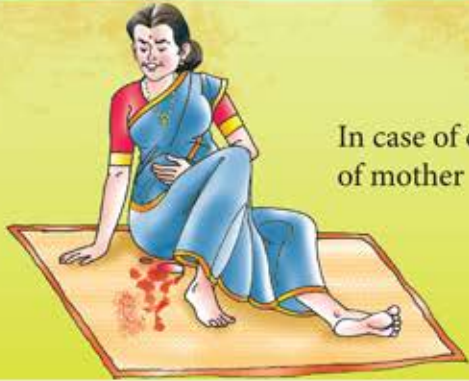


When can medical termination of pregnancy done:



In case of danger to life of mother

When continuation of pregnancy adversely affects physical or mental health of mother



When a girl or woman becomes pregnant after being raped

Within how much time of being pregnant should medical termination of pregnancy be done?

It is safest to medically terminate pregnancy within first 3 months of pregnancy by a qualified doctor



In case pregnancy has existed for more than 3 months but less than 5 months, it can be terminated by a team of specialist doctors, preferably in a Government Hospital/ well equipped hospital



No medical termination of pregnancy is allowed after 5 months of pregnancy



Abortion and the LAW ON ABORTION

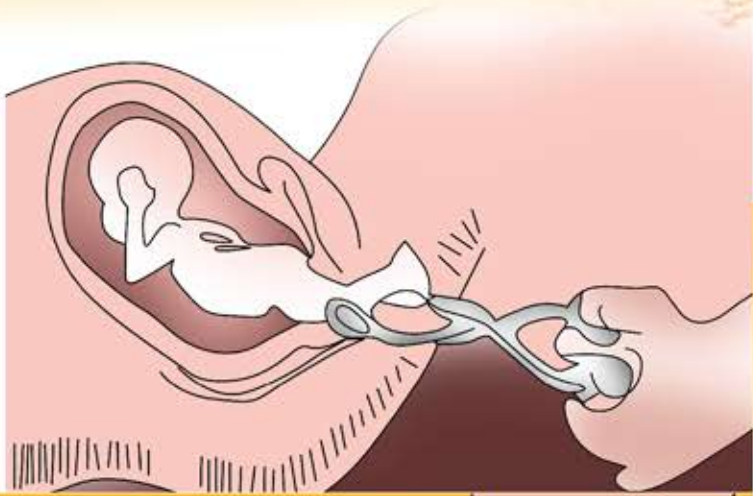


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Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971 allows a woman or girl have to abortion under certain circumstances



There is a law called "Medical Termination of Pregnancy" (MTP) Act, 1971, which allows women and girls to undergo termination of pregnancy in some conditions and circumstances



No woman or girl can be forced to terminate pregnancy against her wishes



To terminate a pregnancy because the unborn child is a girl, is a crime and is punishable under PC-PNDT Act



Every abortion is not appropriate



Avoid situations leading to need for abortion



Abortions undertaken by persons other than qualified doctors are not safe

Unsafe abortion can causes:

- Danger to life
- Life- long infertility
- Serve infection in reproductive organ

