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To

1. The Principal Secretaries, Animal Husbandry, All States/UTs
2. The Director, Animal Husbandry, All States/UTs

Subject - Qualification for using diagnostic procedures/techniques including Ultrasound Machines for Veterinary doctors - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware that the Pre-Conceptual and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Technique (PC & PNDT) Act, 1994 has been enacted by Parliament in 1994 to regulate pre-natal diagnostic technique for the purposes of detecting genetic abnormalities or metabolic disorders or chromosomal abnormalities or certain congenital malformations or sex-linked disorders and for the prevention of their misuse for sex determination leading to female foeticide and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Under the provisions of the said Act, the facilities having ultrasound or imaging machine or scanner or any technology capable of undertaking determination of sex of foetus and sex selection or rendering services to any of them has to be registered under the Act.

Veterinary doctors are normally using the ultrasound machine in pet animal practice, equine animal and in cattle and buffalo and sheep in IVF

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technology and embro transfer technology. Further, sonography is also used as one of the diagnostic tool in detecting the problems in these animals.

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare which is the nodal Ministry for the administration of this Act has examined the issue in consultation with Veterinary Council of India that Ministry have allowed the veterinary doctor for having ultrasound machine and other equipments/technology at the veterinary clinic/facilities having Ultrasound Machines and other equipment/technologies capable of undertaking determination of sex of foetus or sex selection specifying certain guidelines & qualification of veterinary doctors vide letter No. V.11011/07/2015 – PNDDT (Pt) dated 30th September, 2016 (copy enclosed).

This is for your kind information and necessary action.

Encls : As above

Yours faithfully,



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