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Cabinet clears bill to raise abortion cap

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THE Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Bill, 2020 that allows for abortion up to 24 weeks of gestation in special cases, four weeks more than is currently permitted.

The amendment aims to address the needs of a special category of citizens, such as survivors of rape, victims of incest, minors and other vulnerable women like the differently-abled. This category will be fur-

ther defined in the rules to be framed later.

While seeking abortion up to 20 weeks, opinion of only one provider will be required, while the opinion of two providers will be needed for terminating pregnancies up to 24 weeks.

The upper gestation limit will not to apply in cases of "substantial" foetal abnormalities diagnosed by a medical board, whose composition, functions and other details will also be prescribed in the rules. The bill is set to be presented in the budget session of Parliament that starts on January 31.

Identity to be fully protected

The name and other particulars of a woman whose pregnancy has been aborted shall not be revealed except to a person authorised in any law, a Cabinet note said