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Cabinet okays changes in MTP bill

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New Delhi: The Cabinet on Wednesday approved the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Bill, 2020 aiming to make legal access to MTP or abortion easier for special category women including survivors of rape, victims of incest, single women (unmarried/divorced/widowed to be established on the basis of self-certification of woman), and other vulnerable women (differently-abled women).

The proposed changes also suggest an increase in the upper gestational limit for termination of pregnancy for survivors of rape, to 24 weeks from 20 weeks at present. For pregnancies diagnosed with substantial fetal abnormali-

Centre approves allocation of 30% NEC funds for neglected sections of society

The Centre on Wednesday approved allocation of 30 per cent funds of the North Eastern Council (NEC) for new projects for focused development of deprived areas and neglected sections of society. The decision was taken at a meeting of the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

As per the plans, allocation of 30 per cent of NEC funds will be for new projects under the existing 'Schemes of North Eastern Council' for focussed development of deprived areas; deprived or neglected sections of society and emerging priority sectors in the Northeastern states. The balance allocation shall be bifurcated in the existing two components -- state component-60 per cent and central component-40 per cent, according to an official statement. PTI

ties, it has been proposed, that no upper gestation limit would apply for termination.

The bill will be introduced in the ensuing session of Parliament. If the pregnancy has

to be terminated in 20 weeks, the opinion of one doctor is required. But beyond that, opinion of two doctors would be needed and one of them has to be a government physician,

Union minister Prakash Javadekar said after the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday.

"In a progressive reform and giving reproductive rights to women, the limit of 20 weeks of medical termination of pregnancy has been increased to 24 weeks. This is important because in first 5 months there are cases where the girl concerned doesn't realise and has to go to court. This was discussed with various stakeholders," Javadekar said. "This will reduce maternal mortality," he added.

Experts said the proposed changes to the 1971 law are expected to ensure safe abortions and also help address the social taboo attached to sexual activity of single or unmarried women and instead allow them a right over their body.

Cabinet OKs bill to raise abortion limit to 24 wks

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved extending the upper limit for permitting abortions from the present 20 weeks to 24 weeks for "special categories of women" which would include survivors of rape, victims of incest, single women (unmarried/divorced/widowed to be established on the basis of self-certification of woman), and other vulnerable women (differently-abled women). P6