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PART I—Orders and Notifications by the Governor of West Bengal, the High Court, Government Treasury, etc.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Department of Health & Family Welfare
Family Welfare Branch

NOTIFICATION

No.— H/SFWB/11M-05-2011/776

Kolkata, the 18th July, 2012.

In exercise of the power conferred by Section 17(2) and Section 17(3) of the **PRE-CONCEPTION and PRE-NATAL DIAGNOSTIC TECHNIQUES (PROHIBITION OF SEX SELECTION) Act 1994** the Governor is hereby pleased to nominate the following persons as Members of the **District Appropriate Authority** for the purpose of the said Act with immediate effect & until further orders:—

1.	a)	Addl. District Magistrate (Health)	– Chairperson and Licensing Authority
	b)	Chief Medical Officer of Health	– Member
	c)	Legal Expert (PP/Addl. PP nominated by PP)	– Member
	d)	District Maternal and Child Health Officer	– District Nodal Officer and Member Convener

2. Function of this Committee —

- i. To grant, suspend or cancel registration of a genetic Counselling centre, Genetic laboratory and Genetic clinic.
- ii. To enforce standards prescribed for the Genetic Counselling centre, Genetic laboratory and Genetic clinic.
- iii. To investigate complaints of breach of the provisions of this Act or the Rules made there under and take immediate action.
- iv. To seek and consider the advice of the Advisory Committee constituted under sub-section (5), on application for registration and on complaints for suspension or cancellation of registration.
- v. To take appropriate legal action against the use of any sex selection technique by any person at any place, suo motu or brought to its notice and also to initiate independent investigation in such matter.

- vi. To create public awareness against the practice of sex selection or pre-natal determination of sex.
- vii. To supervise the implementation of the provisions of the Act and Rules.
- viii. To recommend to the Board and State Board modifications required in the rules in accordance with change in technology or social condition.
- ix. To take action on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee made after investigation of complaint for suspension or cancellation of registration.

The **District Appropriate Authority (DAA)** can exercise its power of inspection / seizure and so on within the jurisdiction of the said District. Chief Medical Officer of Health and Account Officer will be the joint signatories of the PC&PNDT Account with prior approval of the Addl. District Magistrate (Health).

By order of the Governor,

DILIP GHOSH
*Commissioner (FW) & Secretary,
Government of West Bengal.*