IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BANGALORE

DATED THE 10TH DAY OF JANUARY 2013

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DILIP B. BHOSALE

WRIT PETITION NOS 32239 / 2012 (GM-RES 8 35647-35657/2012

Petitioners

- 1 MEDICAL ULTRA SOUND SOCIETY OF KARNATAKA (R) REGISTERED OFFICE AT VISHAL TOWERS, 18/3. I FLOOR, I MAIN ROAD, SAMPANGIRAMNAGAR, BANGALORE-560 027
- REP BY ITS SECRETARY SMT. P. CHITRA GANESH DR. H.T. NARAYANA S/O SRI, H.G. THIMMAIAH R/AT NO.60, BHEL OFFICERS HOUSING SOCIETY.
- NANDINI LAYOUT, BANGALORE-560 096. DR. B.S. RAMAMURTHY S/O B.L.S. MURTHY R/AT NO.B-3, RANGARAO ROAD, SHANKARPURAM, BANGALORE-560 004
- 4 DR. PRITI VENKATESH W/O DR. VENKATESH KRISHNAMURTHY R/AT NO.301, 39TH CROSS, BTH BLOCK, JAYANAGAR, BANGALORE-560 070.
- DR. JAYALAKSHMI VIJAYAN W/O DR. P. VIJAYAN R/AT NO.G1, ASHRAYA APARTMENTS, SOUTH CROSS ROAD, NO.63.
- BASAVANAGUDI, BANGALORE-560 004. DR. AKHILA DILIP W/O DR. DILIP GOPALA KRISHNAN R/AT NO.81/1, EAST ANJANEYA TEMPLE STREET, BASAVANAGUDI, BANGALORE-560 004.
- DR. ASLAM PASHA S/O T. ANWER PASHA R/AT NO.64. THOMAS TOWN, BANGALORE-580 021.
- DR. SANTHOSH PAUL S/O K.P. MATHIAH R/AT NO.212, BTH MAIN, KEB LAYOUT, BTM I STAGE, BANGALORE-560 021.
- DR. MANOJ KUMAR N. RAHEJA S/O LATE NANDLAL REHEJA R/AT NO.346, LAKSHMI ROAD, 7TH CROSS, SHANTHINAGAR, BANGALORE-580 027
- SMANIHINAGAK, BANGALORE-580 U2/.

 10 DR. CHITRA GANESH S/O MR. GANESH SHIVASHANKAR
 R/AT NO.330, STH MAIN, M.S. RAMAIAH CITY,
 J.P.NAGAR, 8TH PHASE, B.G. ROAD, BANGALORE-560 076.

 11 DR.V.SUGUNADEVI W/O C SARAVANAN
 R/AT. NO.40, CC ROAD, COX TOWN, BANGALORE-580 021.

 12 DR. ASMA TABASSUM W/O MR. SHABBIR AHMED
- NO.23, BALAJI LAYOUT, COOKE TOWN BANGALORE-580 084.

By Sri R NATARAJ & LOKESH K S

Respondents

1 UNION OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE. NIRMAN BHAVAN. OF KARNAN BHAVAN,

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2 THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY REP BY THE JOINT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE. ANAND RAD CIRCLE, BANGALORE-560 001.

(GSC for R1; HCGP for R2)

Whereas, a Writ Petition filed by the above named petitioner under Article 228 of the Constitution of India, has been registered by this court.

After hearing, the Court made the following:-ORDER

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ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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DBBJ; 10.01.2013

W.P.NO.32239/2012(OM-RES)

PC:

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, Sri.N.Unnikrishnan, learned counsel for respondent No.1 and Sri.E.S.Indiresh, learned HCGP for respondent No.2.

Learned counsel for respondent No.1 seeks further time to take instructions and file statement of objections.

Learned counsel for the petitioner invited my attention to the orders passed by the High Courts of Delhi and Bombay to submit that the very same rule, which is under challenge in the present writ petition, was challenged in the petitions before those High Courts. Both the High Courts have granted ad-interim stay to the operation of the rule inserted by the Preconception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques

(Prohibition of Sex Selection) Amendment Rules, 2012.

The relevant Rule reads thus;

"(3) Each medical practitioner qualified under the Act to conduct ultrasonography in a genetic clinic/ultrasound clinic/imaging centre shall be permitted to be registered with a maximum of two such clinics/centres within a district. The consulting hours for such medical practitioner, shall be clearly specified by each clinic/centre."

Hence, there shall be ad-interim stay of the operation of the aforementioned rule.

However, it is clarified that the consulting hours for such medical practitioners may be specified by each clinic/centre as consulting hours in the ordinary course, but such specifications shall not prohibit such medical practitioners, when the medical exigency so require, from attending the concerned clinic/centre at other times also.

S.O. to 07.02.2013. It is needless to mention that it statement of objections are filed by the respondents,

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copies thereof be served upon the petitioner's counsel well in advance.

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