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Government of India  
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(Department of Health Research)

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Subject: - RTI application of dated 23/10/2022 registration no. DOHRE/R/E/22/00318 under Right to Information Act, 2005.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your RTI application dated 23/10/2022 and to say that as per guidelines in accordance with DoPT O.M. No. 1/69/2007-IR, dated the 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2008, (para 8), the CPIO is not supposed to create information; or to interpret information; or to solve the problems raised by the Applicants; or to furnish replies to hypothetical questions. However, the following information is provided for your assistance: -

Ques 1. Can an IVF Clinic train junior embryologist?

Reply: No Sir.

Ques 2. Is there any plan to bring any embryology academic programs in India?

Reply: This query does not pertain to DHR.

Ques 3. Is it compulsory to have a Lab Director for IVF Clinics Level 2?

Reply: The relevant position stands clarified under Schedule 1 Part I Para A (b) of the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Rules, 2022.

The ART clinic Level 2 shall have a minimum of one gynaecologist, one anaesthetist, one embryologist and one counsellor and the additional staff at the level of Director and Andrologist may be employed by the ART Level 2 clinics.

Ques 4. Is it compulsory to have an Andrologist in IVF Clinics Level 2?

Reply: The relevant position stands clarified under Schedule 1 Part I Para A (b) of the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Rules, 2022.

The ART clinic Level 2 shall have a minimum of one gynaecologist, one anaesthetist, one embryologist and one counsellor. The additional staff at the level of Director and Andrologist may be employed by the ART Level 2 clinics.

Ques 5. Is it compulsory to have a Lab Director for IVF Clinics Level 1?

Reply: No Sir. The relevant position stands clarified under Schedule 1 Part I Para A (a) of the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Rules, 2022.

Ques 6. Is it compulsory to have an Andrologist in IVF Clinics Level 1?

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Reply: No Sir. The relevant position stands clarified under Schedule 1 Part I Para A (a) of the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Rules,2022.

Ques 7. Can an existing IVF clinic level 2 train gynecologists in IVF treatments?

Reply: No Sir.

Ques 8. What are the recognized courses for infertility in India for Gynecologists?

Reply: This information is not maintained by DHR.

Ques 9. Is there any restriction on the number of Level 1 or Level 2 clinics a gynecologist can be attached with?

Reply: The requirement of Gynecologist in level 1 Clinic stands clarified under Schedule 1 Part 1 A (c) (i) of the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Rules,2022. Further, the requirement of Gynecologist in Level 2 clinics stands clarified under Schedule 1 Part 1 A (a).

Ques 10. Can a gynecologist who is running a gyneec clinic without level 1 or level 2 license do ovulation induction or stimulation using gonadotropins?

Reply: No ART procedure in any form can be performed without being registered under the ART Act, 2021.

The relevant position stands clarified under Section 15(1) of the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Act,2021 which reads as under:-

No person shall establish any clinic or bank for undertaking assisted reproductive technology or to render assisted reproductive technology procedures in any form unless such clinic or bank is duly registered under this Act.

Ques 11. Can a level 1 Fertility clinic stimulate females using gonadotropins and refer them to level 2 fertility clinics?

Reply: As per para 3 (ii) of the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Rules,2022, only ART Clinics Level 2 can do surgical retrieval of gametes as well to handle the oocyte outside the human body.

2. Smt. Geeta Narayan, Joint Secretary, Department of Health Research, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor IRCS Building, Red Cross Road, New Delhi- 110001, is the appellate Authority.

3. This disposes of the RTI Application mentioned above.

Yours faithfully



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