

Functioning of Ultrasound Sonography Centres in Karnataka

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Abstract :The project on functioning of ultrasound sonography centres in Karnataka was carried out at the request of and with financial support from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi, during November 2004-March 2005. The main objective of the study was to know how many untrained and trained doctors were using ultrasound machines and the purpose of usage. About 46 per cent of the centres were self-operated; in other words, the owners themselves operated the machines. In about 44 per cent of the centres, an employed person operated the sonography machines. The study has pinpointed that the implementation of PNDT Act in Karnataka was very weak. It has identified many ways in which the Act had not been followed: poor maintenance of records in scanning centres, lack of monthly reports, lacked of qualified operators in the scanning centres, and absence of supervisory visits by the appropriate state and district authorities.