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## Union Cabinet approves Bill to regulate surrogacy

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The Bill proposes to regulate surrogacy by establishing a National Surrogacy Board and State Surrogacy Boards and appropriate authorities in the States and Union Territories respectively.

The proposed insurance cover for a surrogate mother has now been increased to 36 months from 16 months earlier.

### Exemption for IPGL

The Cabinet also decided to exempt the India Ports Global Ltd (IPGL), which is responsible for India's construction works in the Iranian port of Chabahar, from the DPE (Department

of Public Enterprises) guidelines.

The IPGL was incorporated in 2013 but the Cabinet said there was an urgent need to allow the IPGL to function as a board managed company, duly following the instructions of the Ministry of Shipping and the Ministry of External Affairs, without subjecting it to the guidelines of DPE applicable to it for a period of five years. The Cabinet also gave its nod to issue an order which will allow 37 Central laws in the Concurrent List to be implemented in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

(With PTI inputs)

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The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2020, allowing a "willing" woman to be a surrogate mother and proposing that the Bill would benefit widows and divorced women besides infertile Indian couples.

The Cabinet approved the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill after incorporating the recommendations of a Rajya Sabha Select Committee, Minister Prakash Javadekar said at a press conference.

The 15 major changes suggested by the 23-member committee to the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2019, also included deleting the definition of "infertility" as the inability to conceive after five years of unprotected intercourse on the ground



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that it was too long a period for a couple to wait for a child.

"The Bill is aimed at banning commercial surrogacy and allowing altruistic surrogacy," said Mr. Javadekar.

Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani added that only Indian couples can opt for surrogacy in the country.

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