

SOME PERTINENT FACTS ON ABORTION.

Abortion is controlled in terms of the Abortion and Sterilization Act No. 2 of 1975.

It has been estimated that between 50000 and 100000 illegal abortions are performed annually in South Africa, and that most of these are performed by untrained personnel.

About 20000 women die annually from illegal abortions and about another 30000 women will be sterile as a result of complicating infections of illegal abortions.

Whites in South Africa spend approximately R7 million annually to have abortions performed, both inside and outside this country.

Baragwanath Hospital alone sees about 30 complications of abortion per week i.e. 1500 per year.

Is it not time we reviewed the Abortion and Sterilization Act No. 2 of 1975?