

Reproductive Tourism And Commercial Surrogacy In India: Legal And Ethical Aspects

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Surrogacy is defined as “a practice whereby one woman bears and gives birth to a child for an intending couple with an intention of handing over such child to the intending couple after the birth” Surrogacy can either be for commercial or altruistic purposes. When a woman gestates a child and after birth delivers it to the genetic parents without any remuneration paid to her it is altruistic surrogacy. But when a woman goes through this arrangement for financial gain it amounts to commercial surrogacy. Laws in various countries prohibit the practice of commercial surrogacy, egg donation, payment to donors etc. and in some countries assisted reproduction is highly regulated. Due to these reasons infertile couples, same sex couples, chose to travel to different countries to receive medical treatments.