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The commercial surrogacy industry in India has grown to $2.3 billion according to the 'Confederation of Indian Industry'. India has become a surrogacy hub and the main reasons behind it are:

1) Lenient rules and regulations
2) Low cost of surrogacy
3) World class medical facilities available
4) Easy availability of surrogates.

But due to commercialisation of surrogacy it has led to many problems:

=> For surrogates:

1) Economic exploitation - only a small percentage of money is paid to them and if they lose a baby, they're not paid at all.

2) Legal problems: The surrogates are usually poor and they lack legal knowledge.

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3) Health – The majority of deliveries are Caesarian and this has harmful effect on woman's body.

4) Social – It is considered as a social stigma to carry someone else's child in her womb, in Indian society.

5) Psychological – A woman establishes a affectious relation with the baby in her womb and to give it away, gives them psychological trauma.

To ban the commercialisation of surrogacy, Indian government has passed a Surrogacy (Regulation) bill:

1) It bans commercial surrogacy and allows only altruistic surrogacy.
↳ But this will affect the poor surrogates.

2) The couple should be hetrosexual and aged between 23 to 55 years.
↳ It is against the right to equality of homo-sexuals and singles.

3) Either of a couple should have proven infertility

4) Surrogate can be a close relative only.
↳ This provision is huge setback because a close relative can easily access child and she has to pass thru a psychological trauma everytime.
↳ Also, in the Indian set up it is hard to find the volunteer who is close relative.

The bill should include a regulated commercial surrogacy. The govt. should also launch a program similar to 'Beti Bachao', which could include every clinic under regulation.

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