
Discourse analysis of policy environment on sex selective abortions: Case study from India

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Abstract (in French and English)

The concept of sex selection and sex-selective abortion has been vastly studied in India. However, little analysis has been conducted on recent policies surrounding son preference and sex-selection. This study aims to investigate discourses surrounding key policy stakeholders including Indian government officials, activists, academics, and medical practitioners. Additionally, the study aims to analyze the impact of policy implementation against sex-selection. Employing both qualitative and quantitative methods, this study (1) analyzes policy discourse through public statements in newspapers, reports, and semi-structured interviews with key policy actors and (2) attempts to quantify the impact of policies at regional and state levels through correlations between state policy implementation and sex ratios.

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