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STERILISATION OF MENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN: JUSTICE OR VIOLATION OF INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHT?

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INTRODUCTION

Reproduction has become an important issue nowadays with the rapid development in medico-science technology. Varieties of techniques and methods have been introduced to overcome problems in reproduction.

One of the problems in reproduction is the issue of contraception. Generally, a competent adult can decide whether to reproduce or not by choosing temporary or permanent methods of reproduction. However, problem arises when the person is not competent to make decision on sterilisation, in particular mentally disabled children.

*"Three generations of imbeciles are enough".*¹ This statement brings us to the problem at hand which revolved around the issue of sexual sterilisation of mentally disabled children. The first part of this article focuses on the history of sterilisation of mentally disabled children. While the second part is on the rights possessed by these