



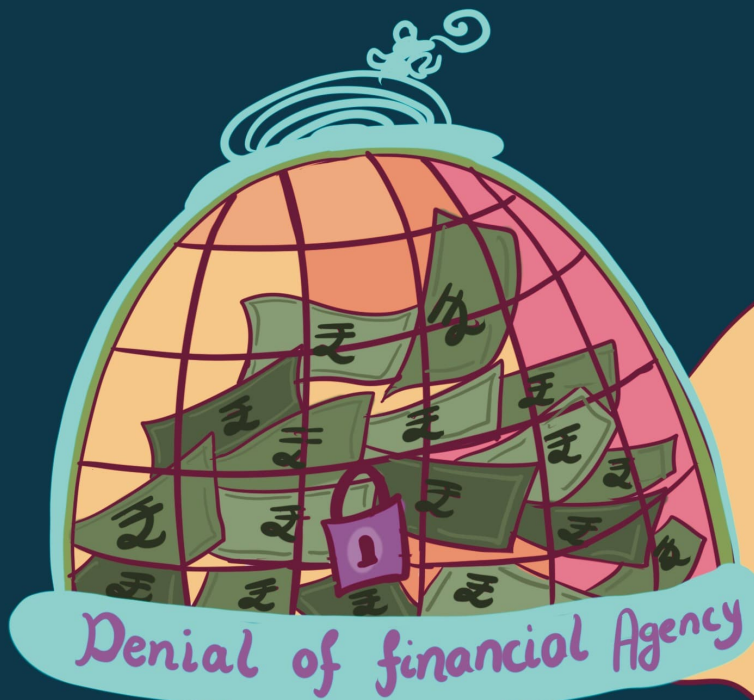
Behind closed  
doors :~:  
the doctor's  
clinic

# A Trip To The Abortion Clinic



How accessible is abortion  
as a queer disabled person?

Too financially  
Draining



Denial of financial Agency

No financial freedom!!  
Family usually have total  
control over our bank  
accounts and monetary  
resources, making it difficult  
for us to access SRHR even  
as an adult.

Since we might find it difficult to articulate or communicate in an able bodied manner, it is assumed that we can't make decision pertaining to our sexual and reproductive health or Healthcare we recieve

Denied Agency!!  
Denied Autonomy  
over our  
Disabled  
Body



No awareness at all regarding different types of contraceptions. They work on an assumption that since we are disabled, we do not require such informations.

Even if we manage to get information online, there's little to no information regarding side effects and how it will effect our disabled, chronically ill bodies



# Family : not a Safe Space

Have heard conversations in family like who will marry them, will they be able to bear child, even if they could, will they be able to take care of the child, what if the child born is disabled !

There are many cases of forcible abortions because family didn't want disabled child.

The family is an authoritarian structure here in South Asia whose sanctity must be maintained at all costs!



Friends, and Queer and Disabled support groups instead emerged as a safe place for us, to seek guidance based on each others lived experience



# Insensitive Doctors & Health Care Professionals

Unless we know they are safe for person with disability, we are hesitant to see them, scared of their reactions and prejudices. Once, one of us was told that we should have brought someone along with us to our appointment, thus taking away our autonomy and subsequently doctor-patient privilege.



Most doctors are ignorant and judgemental of our neurodivergence and disabled identity and the trauma associated with health. Health flare up triggers our anxiety and PTSD leading to further deterioration of physical health leading again to anxiety and ultimately becomes a viscous cycle. Because of our neurodivergence, our sensory needs are also different, but instead of listening to us doctors often label us too sensitive or simply call everything overacting.



Flare ups

# How can we make abortions accessible?

Inclusive as well as accessible education

Creating Awareness

Sensitisation Of Doctors and Healthcare Professionals

Employment :  
Ensuring financial agency as well as security for disabled individuals



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