

## Fears after India's surrogacy crackdown

<http://www.france24.com/en/20160202-focus-india-surrogacy-ban-foreign-couples-poverty-women-underground>

Follow the link above and watch just the video report – pause at 4mins 3secs. If you choose to do the two vocabulary exercises below before watching the video, listen out for the words and expressions from the two tasks and pay attention to how they are used in the clip.

**KEY WORDS** Match the words from the table with their definitions

a crackdown	a foreigner	a ban	boom	commercial	clueless
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1. .... a period of sudden economic growth, especially one that results in a lot of money being made
2. .... having no knowledge of something, or of things in general
3. .... a situation in which someone starts to deal with bad or illegal behaviour in a more severe way
4. .... related to buying and selling things
5. .... an official order that prevents something from happening
6. .... a person who comes from another country

**IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS** Match the verbs on the left hand side to the phrases on the right in order to form collocations and idioms from the video report

to be	under criticism
to come	like sardines
to turn	a tight ship
to run	out of business
to be packed	into place
to come	one's life around

**GRAMMAR IN THE VIDEO** Study the sentences from the video report, focus on the use of the present perfect tense and match the underlined structures to the correct rules below

1. As a result, the industry has grown to an approximate worth of 2.3 billion dollars, producing almost five thousand babies a year.
  2. The O'Connors in Dublin, who we spoke to via Skype, have already had a daughter through surrogacy in India, and wanted to come back for another.
  3. 'This was our very last chance of having a family, as there are thousands of couples that travel to India, you know, and it's changed our life of course.'
  4. The ban has already triggered a fierce debate about the ethics of surrogacy in India and the future of all stakeholders remains uncertain.
- a. Use the present perfect simple to talk about recent events or changes that have a connection with the present
- b. Use the present perfect simple to talk about something that happened at an unspecified time in the past.

**FOLLOW-UP** Continue watching the video (4mins 4secs – end) and answer the questions below

1. What examples of abuse and exploitation of surrogate mothers-to-be does Claire de la Hougue provide?
2. Why does the ban concern only foreign couples and not Indian ones as well?
3. What are the key issues for the lawyer from an ethical point of view?
4. Why has the Indian government decided to introduce the ban even though international surrogacy proved to be highly profitable in the country?