

Central Adoption Resource Authority
Ministry of Women and Child Development
R.K.Puram, New Delhi

Minutes of the 31st Meeting of Steering Committee of Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA)

The 31st Meeting of the Steering Committee of Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) chaired by Shri Indevar Pandey, Secretary, MWCD (Chairperson of the Steering Committee of CARA) was held on 18th April, 2022 at 11:00 AM in the Conference Room, MWCD, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,

2. The list of participants is attached. The meeting was held virtually, while the Chairperson, Member Secretary, and Principal Secretary of the State Government of Odisha were physically present.

3. At the outset, CEO & Member Secretary, CARA welcomed Chairperson of the Steering Committee and all the other Members of the Committee. Chairperson of the Steering Committee requested Member Secretary & CEO, CARA to start the proceedings of the 31st Meeting of the Committee.

AGENDA ITEMS and DECISIONS:


Agenda No.31.01: Decisions on issues related to a few relaxation measures earlier taken by CARA

4. Vide 25th meeting of the Steering Committee, it was decided to seek opinion from the states about three relaxation measures as mentioned below:

- a) Review of extending relaxation to the PAPs for giving them immediate referral if they have lost their own child.
- b) Review of reserving directly from immediate placement portal.
- c) Six month antedate seniority to single PAP above 40 years of age.

5. The feedback from the States/UTs was to discontinue such relaxation practices. Discontinuing the practice of six month antedate seniority to single PAP above 40 years of age may be considered. However, in the remaining provisions, as the step has been favoring both children and as well as the parents, the Steering Committee may kindly review after stipulating mandatory counseling sessions.

Decision: As far as issues raised in para 'a' and 'c', it was agreed to follow the recommendations of the State Government(s)/ UTs.


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