



Central Adoption Resource Authority केन्द्रीय दत्तक - ग्रहण संसाधन प्राधिकरण

(A Statutory Body of Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India)
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Sub: Information regarding children returned by the families to the Child Care Institutions (CCI's) in the state without formally reporting the same.

To,

All Principle Secretaries,
All State Adoption Resource Agencies (SARA's),
All the Specialised Adoption Agencies

This is with reference to the issue regarding children who were taken by families for adoption either formally or informally and thereafter they have been left behind or returned to the Child Care Institutions without formally reporting the same or following the legal procedure of surrender/disruption/dissolution, as applicable.

2. A Child Care Institution (CCI) is defined under Section 2(21) of The Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 which means "Children Home, open shelter, observation home, special home, place of safety, specialized Adoption Agency and a fit facility" recognized under the JJ Act for providing care and protection to children who are in need of such services. As per section 41 of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, all CCI's have to be mandatorily registered under the Act and further these have to be linked to a Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA) as stipulated under Section 66 of the JJ Act, 2015

3. The legal procedure for surrendering a child is prescribed under Section 35 of the JJ Act and Regulation 7 of the Adoption Regulations, 2017 through which a parent or guardian can surrender a child before the Child Welfare Committee of the concerned District. A child that has been taken in pre-adoption foster care or legally adopted under the J.J Act, 2015 by a family can only be returned to the CCI's after the procedure for disruption or dissolution as per the provisions of Regulation 13(6) and (7) respectively of Adoption Regulations, 2017.

4. Regulation 13(8) provisions for updating the details of disruption and dissolutions on CARINGS by the SAA. However, it has been reported during the National Consultative Workshop on Child Adoption by a SAA representative from Maharashtra that families do not follow the procedure and abandon the children in CCI's.

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5. In light of the foregoing, all the States and Union Territories are requested to provide the details of such cases in the CCI's in their States as per the format given at **Annexure-I**

6. This has been issued as per the directions of Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Women and Child Development given during the National Consultative Workshop held on 14 Jan 2020.



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- (i) PS to Hon'ble Minister WCD, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
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(ANNEXURE-I)

Name of State					
Name of CCI	No. of children Returned	Name of the child	Date of Birth of Child	Date of Adoption	Date of Return