



केंद्रीय दत्तक-ग्रहण संसाधन प्राधिकरण Central Adoption Resource Authority

(भारत सरकार के महिला एवं बाल विकास मंत्रालय का सांविधिक निकाय)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Information regarding Relative and Step-parent adoptions

Regulation 54(2) & Regulation 56(2) of the Adoption Regulations 2022 mandate that, "Consent of biological parents or permission of the Child Welfare Committee, as the case may be, shall be required as provided in the Schedule XIX/ XXII or Schedule XX respectively" .in cases of In country Relative and In Country Step Parent Adoption.

2. All concerned are informed that an updated module for relative and stepparents' adoption has already been made operational on the CARINGS portal. Hence, the SARAs are requested to direct the concerned DCPUs to process all such cases via the CARINGS portal only with all the requisite documents as per Schedule VI and Schedule IX of the Adoption Regulations 2022. The pre-approval letter will also be processed and uploaded online on CARINGS only. The Authority shall continue to issue Pre-approval Letters in all such cases.

3. As far as inter-country relative adoption is concerned, Regulation 56 (3) provides that "The Authorized Foreign Adoption Agency or Central Authority or the department concerned or the Indian diplomatic mission (in cases of Indian citizens), as the case may be, on completion of the Home Study Report, shall register the application of the prospective adoptive parents on the Designated Portal along with the required documents as mentioned in the Schedule VI", wherein the subsequent steps are to be followed:

- Schedule VI, consent of the biological family as provided in Schedule XIX/ XXII is one of the required documents for Inter-country Relative Adoption.
- In Schedule XIX/ XXII Part E i.e. Certificate of CWC is required to be filled and verified by the concerned CWC.

4. All concerned are hereby informed that the certification of the Child Welfare Committee as provided in Part E of Schedule XIX/ XXII is mandatory in cases of all In- Country relative & step adoption cases as well as in all Inter Country relative adoption cases. As far as CWC is concerned, it may specifically certify that the child proposed for adoption is a child in need of care and protection and the proposed adoption is for the wellbeing of the child.

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