



Central Adoption Resource Authority केन्द्रीय दत्तक - ग्रहण संसाधन प्राधिकरण

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(भारत सरकार के महिला एवं बाल विकास मंत्रालय की सांविधिक निकाय)



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कार्यालय ज्ञापन OFFICE MEMORANDUM

As per Regulation 13 of Adoption Regulations 2022, detailed procedure has been laid down pertaining to the issuance of Adoption Order by the District Magistrate (DM). So far, a number of adoption orders have been issued by DMs all over the country post notification of Adoption Regulations 2022; however, CARA has observed certain instances wherein DMs have raised some queries, particularly about the age criteria of Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs) in case of adoption of children having Special Needs and Police verification of PAPs. In this regard, the clarifications/decisions are given below:

- i. **Age Relaxation for PAPs in cases of Adoption of Special Needs Children:** The age criteria have been laid down in Regulation 5, but the Steering Committee of the Authority in its 34th meeting held on 15/02/2023 decided that the age criteria for PAPs who wish to adopt children with special needs shall remain flexible. The decision was made in light of the difficulties of placing such children with homes. The decision was taken keeping in view the challenges encountered to place such children with families.
 - ii. **Requirement of Police Verification of PAPs:** Adoption Regulations 2022 clearly provides the list of documents required at the time of registration (Schedule VI) and for the issuance of adoption order (Schedule IX). It may be noted that police verification of PAPs is not required in cases of In-country adoption cases. Accordingly, the documents listed in schedule VI & IX only need to be scrutinised.
2. **Delays pending at the level of Child Welfare Committee (CWC):** Delays have been noticed at the level of CWC while issuing certificates declaring children legally free for adoption for some reason or other which needs regular assessment by the District Magistrates
3. Further, attention is drawn to Regulation 37 that stipulates the role of Chief Medical Officers (CMOs) to ascertain the health status of children as normal or having special needs within fifteen days. It has been observed that CMOs are not complying the timeline of 15 days. Apart from that they are not classifying the specific category of medical illness/condition while declaring the health status of children as having special needs in Schedule-III Part-E, causing grievances at the time of referral. Therefore, DMs are requested to look into delays caused by the CMOs as mandated under Regulation 36(8).

This issues with approval of competent authority.


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