



Central Adoption Resource Authority

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Subject: Installing cradle signage by Specialised Adoption Agencies in appropriate places.

All children deserve a healthy and protected environment and have the right to live with dignity. To secure the welfare of infants and young children, it is crucial to ensure safe abandonment of such children as the importance of their safety cannot be compromised.

2. Safe abandonment can benefit the child most as it would protect the new-born against any possible harm or abuse caused to the child when they are thrown in an inhuman manner - thrash, garbage, bushes, waste bins, roadside, etc. and it also prevents women from harming their babies. The new-borns are exposed to extreme temperatures, rains, insect bites, injuries etc. and this impacts their overall health and wellbeing until they receive a help.

3. Adoption Regulations stipulate that the Specialized Adoption Agency is required to set up at its own home to receive abandoned children and may set up cradle baby points at primary health care centers, hospitals, nursing homes, short-stay and Swadhar Homes for Women.

4. In order to provide guidance to biological parent/s to safely abandon such children, it has been decided that cradle signage shall made mandatory for display at various places. It should be promoted actively by the govt. machineries so that even if people want to abandon their kids they drop them atleast to a place where they could receive basic primary care.

5. In view of the above, all SAAs are directed to setup cradles and signage to cradles in collaboration with the district authorities at various places considered most appropriate to receive such children. This signage may be similar to signage of hospital or pharmacy store which is visible from a distance 24/7 and 365 days.

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