



# Central Adoption Resource Authority

## केन्द्रीय दत्तक - ग्रहण संसाधन प्राधिकरण

(A Statutory Body of Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India)

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



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### OFFICE MEMORANDUM

#### **Subject: Conducting Home Study of the Prospective Adoptive Parents only through professionally qualified social worker-regarding**

Regulation 3(20) of Adoption Regulations 2017 provides that "social worker" means a person having either post graduate degree in social work or sociology or psychology or child development, or a graduate degree in child education or child development or child protection, and who is engaged by the Child Care Institution or Specialised Adoption Agency or authorised by District Child Protection Unit or State Adoption Resource Agency or Central Adoption Resource Authority, and is having at least ten years' experience in preparing Home Study Report, Child Study Report, rendering post-adoption services or performing any other work assigned to such person.

2. Home Study emotionally prepares a couple for adoptive parenthood. It is not only a process of evaluation and assessment but also an opportunity to reflect on one's experience, expectations and aspirations. The purpose of the Home Study Report is twofold. One is to provide an opportunity to the prospective adoptive parents to rethink about the decision and to clarify all apprehensions and doubts and feel confident about the decision. Secondly, it is an assessment of adoptive parents capacity to parent, and their emotional readiness to parent a child who is not related.

3. With the feedback from the States/UTs, it has been observed that a number of specialised adoption agencies have not engaged qualified professional social workers for conducting home study of the prospective adoptive parents.

4. As qualified professional social workers would be in better position to assess suitability of such prospective parents to adopt, it is urged that all specialised adoption agencies should engage only the qualified staff having post-graduate degrees in social work or sociology or psychology, or child development for conducting home study of the prospective adoptive parents.

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To

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3. Specialised Adoption Agencies