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To,

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 Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

Sub : Information/ inputs for Rajya Sabha Admitted version of Starred/Un-starred Question No. - 2076 (Dy. No. U2444) raised by Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena, Hon'ble MP for 05/12/2019 – regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to MWCD's email dated 28/11/2019 regarding Rajya Sabha Admitted version of Starred/Un-starred Question No. - 2076 (Dy. No. U2444) raised by Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 05/12/2019, related to "Abandoned children living in children homes". **A similar question by Hon'ble MP, Sh. G.C. Chandrashekhar was admitted as Un-starred Question No. - 598 (Dy. No. - U236) for 07/02/2019 in the Rajya Sabha.** In this regard, draft inputs pertaining to CARA are given below :-

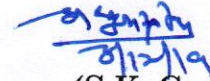
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(a)	Whether 90 per cent of the 11 lakh abandoned children happen to be girls and thousands of them are adopted every year, if so, the details thereof;	<p>Details (gender-wise) of number of children placed in In-country & Inter-country Adoptions during last three years and current year (upto November, 2019) are as under :</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Year</th> <th colspan="3">In-country Adoption</th> <th colspan="3">Inter-country Adoption</th> </tr> <tr> <th>M</th> <th>F</th> <th>T</th> <th>M</th> <th>F</th> <th>T</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2016-2017</td> <td>1295</td> <td>1915</td> <td>3210</td> <td>148</td> <td>430</td> <td>578</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2017-2018</td> <td>1333</td> <td>1943</td> <td>3276</td> <td>198</td> <td>453</td> <td>651</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018-2019</td> <td>1397</td> <td>1977</td> <td>3374</td> <td>232</td> <td>421</td> <td>653</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019-2020 (upto November, 2019)</td> <td>845</td> <td>1159</td> <td>2004</td> <td>92</td> <td>183</td> <td>275</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Source : CARINGS</p>	Year	In-country Adoption			Inter-country Adoption			M	F	T	M	F	T	2016-2017	1295	1915	3210	148	430	578	2017-2018	1333	1943	3276	198	453	651	2018-2019	1397	1977	3374	232	421	653	2019-2020 (upto November, 2019)	845	1159	2004	92	183	275
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		<p>These are the figures of adoption only under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. A large number of domestic adoptions still happen under the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act (HAMA), 1956, which is unregulated.</p> <p>It is noticed that number of female children placed in In-country & Inter-country Adoptions has been more in number than the male children during last three years and current year (upto November, 2019).</p>
(b)	The State-wise details of the abandoned children living in Government and Non-Governmental children homes;	<p>A Total Number of 7485 Orphaned/ Abandoned/ Surrendered Children living in 473 Specialised Adoption Agencies (Government and Non-Government) as on 02/12/2019, as per the Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System (CARINGS), an Online Portal of Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA). The State and gender-wise figures of children in the Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs), as per the CARINGS is placed at Annexure-I.</p> <p>As on 02/12/2019, 6081 Child Care Institutions (CCIs) are registered, out of which 5683 CCIs have been linked and 1822 children in the CCIs have been entered in CARINGS. State and gender-wise figures are placed at Annexure-II.</p>
(c)	Whether total indifference and corruption has transformed the process of adoption into a commercial transaction;	<p>No, as all adoptions under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Adoption Regulations, 2017 are being regulated by State Adoption Resource Agency (In-country Adoptions) and Central Adoption Resource Authority (Inter-country Adoptions).</p>
(d)	If so, whether the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) has failed in regulating the placement agencies and preventing the delays and recurrence of the process of adoption; and	<p>The Guidelines Governing Adoption of Children, 2015 has been replaced by the Adoption Regulations, 2017. This has been framed by the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) and notified by the Government of India under Section 68(c) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 on 4th January, 2017 under Section 2(3) of the said Act and has come to force in the country w.e.f. 16th January, 2017. One of the key features of the new regulations is that time-lines have been stipulated for each process and the responsibilities of different agencies have been</p>

		fixed. Further, the Online application - Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance Systems (CARINGS) has brought in greater transparency and has streamlined the adoption process, especially the Inter-country adoption for which CARA has been the designated Central Authority under the Hague Convention for Inter-country Adoptions.
(e)	If so, the details of the steps taken by Government in this regard?	The Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs) who are found to be not complying with the Adoption Regulations, 2017 are being issued show cause notices as per Regulation 25(3) of Adoption Regulations, 2017 after which they are either fined or their recognition is suspended/revoked, as per the provision of Section 65(4) of the JJ Act, 2015 and Regulation 25 of the Adoption Regulations, 2017, if they are found to be violating the provisions of the Act and/or the Regulations. Details are placed at Annexure-III .

This issues with the approval of Member Secretary & CEO, CARA.

Yours faithfully,



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Encl. : As above.

State & Gender-wise Details of children available in Specialised Adoption Agencies

(as on 02/12/2019)

S.No.	State	No. of SAAs	Male	Female	Total
1	Andaman and Nicobar	2	13	14	27
2	Andhra Pradesh	14	230	347	577
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2	2	3	5
4	Assam	22	81	96	177
5	Bihar	27	102	165	267
6	Chandigarh	1	20	23	43
7	Chhattisgarh	13	117	140	257
8	Dadar and Nagar Haveli	1	1	4	5
9	Delhi	12	139	202	341
10	Goa	2	11	13	24
11	Gujarat	16	62	76	138
12	Haryana	8	122	110	232
13	Himachal Pradesh	1	6	3	9
14	Jharkhand	15	196	223	419
15	Karnataka	33	178	223	401
16	Kerala	20	76	77	153
17	Madhya Pradesh	31	242	373	615
18	Maharashtra	56	483	559	1042
19	Manipur	9	36	29	65
20	Meghalaya	6	10	3	13
21	Mizoram	7	9	12	21
22	Nagaland	4	5	3	8
23	Orissa	28	207	251	458
24	Pondicherry	3	8	10	18
25	Punjab	9	121	230	351
26	Rajasthan	35	75	109	184
27	Sikkim	4	9	8	17
28	Tamil Nadu	21	99	184	283
29	Telangana	11	135	272	407
30	Tripura	9	20	41	61
31	Uttar Pradesh	20	176	295	471
32	Uttarakhand	7	3	6	9
33	West Bengal	24	157	230	387
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Source : CARINGS

State & Gender-wise Details of children of CCI's entered in CARINGS

(as on 02/12/2019)

S.No.	State	Total No. of CCI's Registered	Total No. of CCI's Linked	Gender	In Home
1	Andhra Pradesh	884	871	Male	127
				Female	200
				Total	327
2	Arunachal Pradesh	15	11	Male	0
				Female	1
				Total	1
3	Assam	115	105	Male	47
				Female	47
				Total	94
4	Bihar	60	58	Male	41
				Female	8
				Total	49
5	Chandigarh	5	4	Male	0
				Female	0
				Total	0
6	Chhattisgarh	65	61	Male	38
				Female	50
				Total	88
7	Delhi	90	89	Male	16
				Female	64
				Total	80
8	Goa	13	13	Male	0
				Female	0
				Total	0
9	Gujarat	95	93	Male	15
				Female	19
				Total	34
10	Haryana	84	76	Male	92
				Female	60
				Total	152
11	Himachal Pradesh	42	38	Male	0
				Female	0
				Total	0
12	Jharkhand	89	88	Male	4
				Female	22
				Total	26
13	Karnataka	850	807	Male	25
				Female	45
				Total	70
14	Kerala	523	494	Male	3
				Female	0
				Total	3
15	Madhya Pradesh	67	63	Male	113
				Female	215
				Total	328
16	Maharashtra	475	461	Male	22
				Female	30
				Total	52
17	Manipur	47	45	Male	0
				Female	2
				Total	2
18	Meghalaya	80	77	Male	5
				Female	3
				Total	8
19	Mizoram	39	38	Male	5
				Female	3
				Total	8
20	Nagaland	59	56	Male	1
				Female	1
				Total	2
21	Orissa	292	277	Male	100
				Female	120
				Total	220

22	Pondicherry	44	6	Male	3
				Female	2
				Total	5
23	Punjab	69	65	Male	8
				Female	34
				Total	42
24	Rajasthan	66	63	Male	1
				Female	4
				Total	5
25	Sikkim	21	20	Male	0
				Female	0
				Total	0
26	Tamil Nadu	1359	1256	Male	6
				Female	36
				Total	42
27	Telangana	403	319	Male	3
				Female	16
				Total	19
28	Tripura	20	20	Male	0
				Female	5
				Total	5
29	Uttar Pradesh	36	36	Male	30
				Female	66
				Total	96
30	Uttarakhand	8	8	Male	0
				Female	2
				Total	2
31	West Bengal	66	65	Male	23
				Female	39
				Total	62
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				Female	1094
		6081	5683	Total	1822

Source : CARINGS

**DETAILS OF COMPLAINTS OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES REPORTED
AGAINST SPECIALISED ADOPTION AGENCIES (SAAs)
(after enactment of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of
Children) Act (2015) i.e. - w.e.f. 15th January, 2016)**

2016-2017 :

S.No.	Name of SAA	Remarks
1.	Naseema Nursing Home, Mysore District, Karnataka	Cases of alleged child trafficking and sale of children from Naseema Nursing Home in Mysore District, Karnataka. Action has been taken by the State Govt.
2.	Joka Millenium Old Age Home, 24 North Pargana, West Bengal	Agency closed down after agency found to be indulging in promotion of illegal adoption.
3.	North Bengal's People's Development Centre, Jaipauri, West Bengal	Agency closed down by the State Govt. of West Bengal after agency found to be indulging in illegal adoption.

2017-2018 :

4.	Marwadi Charitable Trust, Jalgaon, Maharashtra	Illegal adoptions were reported. Agency closed down by Govt. of Maharashtra on the directions of CARA.
5.	Mahila Jan Shishu Kalyan Kendra, Bokaro, Jharkhand	The Agency was close down by the State Govt. of Jharkhand due to alleged illegal adoptions by the institution.
6.	Mahadev Shishu Greh, Mirzapur, UP	The SAAs were de-licensed by the State Government after numerous complaints were received against the agencies by the prospective adoptive parents and large numbers of deaths of children were reported. Further, inquiry by the State Government revealed irregularities and poor child care by the agencies which were run by the same person. The agencies have approached the High Court of Allahabad against the decision of the State Government.
7.	Shri Radha Krishna Shishu Greh, Varanasi, UP	

		<p>The SAA was delicensed in February 2018 by the State Government based on the inspection conducted the Officials of the State Government and the DPO. The major violations by the agency are as under :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irregularities in child care • The agency demanded extra fees apart from the Adoption Fees for completion of the adoption process <p>Number of reported deaths of children in the agency</p>
8.	Maa Vindhyavasini Mahila Prashikshan Evam Samaj Sewa Sanstha, Deoria, UP	The agency was delicensed by the State Government as they were involved in the irregularities, which was investigated by SIT under the directions of the High Court of Allahabad.

2018-2019 :

9.	Pallishri Mahila Samiti, Kendrapada, Odisha	The SAA has been fined of Rs.50,000/- under the Section 65(4) of the JJ Act, 2015 and received on 17/05/2019.
10.	Udaan (Kilkari), Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	An inquiry was carried out against the agency and based on the recommendations of the Inquiry Committee report; Ministry has issued an order to Govt. of Madhya Pradesh recommending closure of the agency immediately. The SAA has taken a stay order against the said order from the Hon'ble High Court, Jabalpur, MP and inquiry related to the case is going on. The next hearing date is due on 09/12/2019.

2019-2020 (upto 02/12/2019) :

11.	Snehankur Adoption Centre Ahmednagar, Maharashtra	A complaint received on 10/06/2019 from PAPs regarding payment of Rs. 29,700/- in cash and a donation of Rs.10,000/- through cheque without name and also Rs.40,000/- through cheque in favour of Snehalaya Sanchit Snehankur. Enquiry under process.
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12.	Bal Vikas Mumbai, Maharashtra	A complaint received on 26/04/2019 from PAPs regarding payment of Rs.10,000/- being charged by lawyer from SAA. After CARA intervention, SAA returned the said amount to PAPs. A warning issued by the State Government on intervention of CARA. Money refund to the PAPs.
13.	District Probation & After Care Association Ahmedabad, Gujarat	A complaint received on 26/06/2019 from a Single Male PAP regarding misleading information given by SAA for the adoption of Twin Child as Special Need, which was not specified by the SAA in CARINGS.
14.	Saraswati Shishu Greh Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh	A complaint received on 08/07/2019 from PAPs regarding Rs.10,000/- being charged by lawyer from SAA.
15.	Ecovik, Gaya, Bihar	A complaint dated 18/09/2019 received against a child (Inter-country adoption case) regarding sexual abuse. The said SAA has been closed down by the State Government.
16.	Nivedita Kalyan Samithi, Rewa, MP	The complaint was received from AFAA in September, 2019 and further, a letter has been given to DGP Police, MP for conducting investigation and necessary action and the Ministry, SCPCR, NCPCR and State Government have been informed about the same. FIR has been done under POCSO, IPC and SC/ST Act and the child has been transferred to SAA- Sewa Bharti, Satna, MP.