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To,

**The Under Secretary (CW-II)**  
 Ministry of Women & Child Development,  
 Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

**Sub : Information/ inputs for Lok Sabha Admitted version of Un-starred Question No. - 1225 raised by Dr. Sukanta Majumdar and Sh. Khagen Murmu, Hon'ble MPs for 28/06/2019 – regarding.**

Sir/Madam,


This has reference to MWCD's email dated 24/06/2019 regarding information/ inputs for Un-starred Question No. - 1225 raised by Dr. Sukanta Majumdar and Sh. Khagen Murmu, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, which has been admitted in the Rajya Sabha. Similar questions were provisionally admitted under Diary No. U519 for 27/06/2019. Draft inputs/ reply to the questions related to "(Adoption of Abandoned Kids)" are as under:-

S.No.	Question	Reply																																									
(a)	Whether a large number of abandoned children are girls and only a few among them are adopted every year, if so, the details thereof;	<p>Details (gender-wise) of number of children placed in In-country &amp; Inter-country Adoptions during last three years and current year (upto 24 June, 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 24.06.2019)</td> <td>271</td> <td>434</td> <td>705</td> <td>18</td> <td>21</td> <td>39</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Source : CARINGS</p> <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 isn't regulated.</p> <p>The number of female children placed in In-country &amp; Inter-country Adoptions under the JJ Act have been more than the male children during last three years and current year (upto 24/06/2019).</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 24.06.2019)	271	434	705	18	21	39
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(b)	The details of the abandoned children living in Government	Details of 6971 Orphaned/ Abandoned/ Surrendered Children, living in 488 Specialised Adoption Agencies																																									

	and non-Government shelter homes, State/UT-wise;	<p>(Government and Non-Government), as on 24/06/2019, have been recorded in the Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System (CARINGS), an Online Portal of Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA). The State-wise figures of children in the Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs), as per the CARINGS is placed at <b>Annexure-I</b>.</p> <p>As on 24/06/2019, 5894 Child Care Institutions (CCIs) are registered on CARINGS, out of which 4462 CCIs have been linked to a SAA. Details of 1706 children residing in the CCIs have been entered in CARINGS. State-wise figures are placed at <b>Annexure-II</b>.</p>
(c)	Whether the corruption and apathy has adversely affected the adoption process in the country and has reduced it to a commercial transaction;	No, as all adoptions under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Adoption Regulations, 2017 are being regulated by respective State Adoption Resource Agencies (In-country Adoptions) and Central Adoption Resource Authority (Inter-country Adoptions).
(d)	Whether Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) has failed to regulate placement agencies, avoid delays and duplication of adoption process; and	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 4 <sup>th</sup> January, 2017, under Section 2(3) of the said Act and has come to force in the country w.e.f. 16 <sup>th</sup> January, 2017. One of the key features of the new Regulations is that the time-lines have been stipulated for each process and the responsibilities of different agencies have been 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 the Central Authority of India under the Hague Convention for Inter-country Adoptions.
(e)	The remedial 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 <b>Annexure-III</b> .

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

Yours faithfully,

  
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Encl. : As above.