



CENTRAL ADOPTION RESOURCE AUTHORITY

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To
Principal Secretary/ Secretary
All States Governments (Concerned Department)

Sub: Engaging DCPU to facilitate adoption process.

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, Guidelines Governing Adoption of Children, 2015 have been notified by the Central Government on 17th July 2015 and is effective from 1st August 2015. Now online referral has started w.e.f. 7.8.2015 and entire process of referral and matching would be regulated by CARINGS. It has facilitated real time online report generation both by State Government and CARA.

As per para 10 (4), the specialised adoption agency (SAA) will get the details of the prospective adoptive parents referred from the Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System site and fix appointment with the prospective adoptive parents to assess the suitability of the prospective adoptive parents by an Adoption Committee, consisting of its adoption in-charge or social worker, paediatrician or visiting doctor and one official from the District Child Protection Unit.

The Guidelines stipulate that the prospective adoptive parents have to select a child within a period of 15 days from the date of reserving the child; otherwise they would come down in the seniority list. Since, prospective adoptive parents have started accepting children online, it is important to instruct all District Child Protection Units in the State to be part of the decision making process and facilitate all adoptions in a time bound manner as provided in the Guidelines.

Wherever DCPU is not operational, an Officer at appropriate level may be designated for such purpose. You may also refer para 35 of the Guidelines to understand functions assigned to District Child Protection Unit.

Yours faithfully,

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