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Ministry of External Affairs
PV - I Section

Patiala House Annexe, New Delhi,
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : Exemption from submission of Surety Bond for issuance of passport to inter-country adopted child.

Passport Manual 2010 contains the provision for the submission of **Surety Bond** of an amount of Rs. 15000/- by the adoptive parents before the Competent Court before a child adopted by them through Inter-Country adoption is considered by the Passport Authority for the issue of passport.

2. Surety Bond is a financial guarantee of Rs. 15,000/- to be executed before the Court for proper maintenance of child abroad and in the event of the child becoming a destitute, or the guardianship being terminated, for the child's return to India at the expense of the guardian or the guarantor.

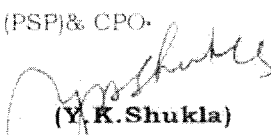
3. However, the Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) has recently clarified that under the latest adoption guidelines issued by them in 2015, execution of the Surety bond by the Specialized Adoption Agency (SAA) before the court is not a pre-requisite to validate/complete the inter-country adoption.

4. In light of the clarification of CARA which is the nodal agency of the government to regulate the affairs of Inter-Country adoption in India, it has been felt that the requirement of the submission of Surety Bond of an amount of Rs. 15000/- executed by the adoptive parents before the competent Court to the Passport Authority to obtain the passport for the inter-country adopted child (which seems to be the requirement of MEA), needs to be reviewed/revisited.

5. Therefore, it has been decided to do away with the requirement of the submission of Surety Bond executed by the adoptive parents before the competent Court to obtain the passport for their inter-country adopted child.

6. The provisions laid down in the Passport Manual 2010 on the issue of grant of passport facilities to inter-country adopted children stands modified to the extent as mentioned in para '5' above and all the Passport Issuing Authorities are requested to adhere to the decision of the Competent Authority.

7. This issues with the approval of the Joint Secretary (PSP)& CPO.


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Under Secretary (PV-I)

All Passport Issuing Authority in India/Abroad