

## SCHEDULE VII

[See regulations 2(11), 9 (10) and 20 (2)]

### HOME STUDY REPORT OF RESIDENT INDIAN PARENT/ OVERSEAS CITIZEN OF INDIA/FOREIGNER LIVING IN INDIA

MR. \_\_\_\_\_  
MS. \_\_\_\_\_

Adoption of orphan/abandoned/surrendered children can be processed by following procedures as laid down in Adoption Regulations. All prospective adoptive parents are required to register in Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System (CARINGS) and adopt from authorised institutions.

CARINGS REGISTRATION NO.	-
DATE OF REGISTRATION	-
PAN CARD NO	-
AADHAR CARD NO, IF AVAILABLE	-
PASSPORT NO, IF APPLICABLE	-
NAME OF THE SOCIAL WORKER	-
<b>DATE OF HOME VISIT</b>	-

**Part-1** of the report is to be filled up by the Prospective adoptive parents.

The Home Study Report helps build a strong proposal for the prospective adoptive parent (s) to adopt, and therefore, prospective adoptive parents are expected to provide all information to the best of their knowledge. The prospective adoptive parents are solely responsible for the authenticity of the information provided in the template and are required to sign below on each page of Part 1.

The prospective adoptive parent(s) are encouraged to seek advice from the social worker and Counsellors in preparing themselves for adoption and for supporting the child that they wish to adopt. Any difficulty faced by the prospective adoptive parents in filling up Part 1 may be shared with the Social Worker during the home visit.

**Part-2** of the template is to be filled up by the Professional Social Worker engaged by the Specialised Adoption Agency or District Child Protection Unit or State Adoption Resource Agency or Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA).

The Home Study Report helps the adoption agency in finding the family best suited for each child that is available for adoption. During the home study, the social worker will assess the financial, employment, health, lifestyle, home and neighbourhood environments of the prospective adoptive parent (s); their parenting styles and attitude(s); motivation for adoption; commitment towards adoption and their overall readiness-cum-maturity to adopt.

### Part – 1

#### **A. Familiarity with Adoption**

(This section can be filled up by either of the prospective adoptive parent)

1. What is your motivation behind adopting a child

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2. Will you be able to support an older child, a child with an addressable medical condition or a child with special need?

Yes/No

3. Have you met any adoptive families or children who were adopted – if yes, how was your experience and response

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4. Are there any areas where you may need counselling or professional help in supporting the child you wish to adopt – please provide complete details?

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5. Please describe how the prospective adoption would affect other members residing with you and their support to the child.

**B. Family background information:**

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Male Applicant</b>	<b>Female Applicant</b>
Name (underline Family name)		
Date of birth		
Place of birth		
Citizenship		
Address		
Email ID		
Contact Phone No. and Mobile No.		
Religion		
Language(s) spoken at home		
Date of Marriage		
Date of Earlier Marriage (if any)		
Date of divorce (if any)		
Educational Qualification		
Employment/ Occupation		
Name and Address of the present Employer/Business concern		
Annual Income		
Health Status		

Photograph of the  
prospective adoptive parents

(1) Provide following information about your parents.

Details about Parents of the Applicants	Male Applicant		Female Applicant	
	Father	Mother	Father	Mother
Name in full				
Age				
Nationality/Citizenship				
Occupation				
Previous occupation				
Presently residing with prospective adoptive parent (Indicate Yes/No)				

(2) Please complete the following table with the names of each of your respective children (adopted and biological), their sex, educational status (kindergarten, elementary, etc.) and dates of birth.

Name of the Child	Sex	Date of Birth	Educational Status

(3) Please provide age, gender, occupation, and nature of the relationship of other family member(s) residing with prospective adoptive parents.

Name	Nature of Relationship	Age	Gender	Occupation

(4) Please provide details of any other non-related adults/children living in the home (e.g. house help, staff, outside personnel etc):

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- C. Professional/Employment Details (Professional career details for last 5 years):** Please complete the following table with details relating to your professional career.

<b>Male Applicant</b>			
Organisation	Employer Details (Name and Address)	Job Title	From To

<b>Female Applicant</b>			
Organisation	Employer Details (Name and Address)	Job Title	From To

- D. Financial Position:** (Give a short description of your income from all sources, savings, investments, expenditures and liabilities).
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Please provide your most recent tax invoices, bank statements etc. of both of you.

Do you have any outstanding debts, mortgages etc.

- (a) If yes, please provide supporting documentation;
- (b) No

**E. Current marital relationship and quality of marital relationship (if applicable):** (Give details about the marriage, legal separation, if any, reasons for such separation, present marital life and decision making procedures).

- (1) Please specify your marital status: \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Please describe the procedures you and your spouse use to reach a decision.

**F. Attitude of grandparents/extended family members, other relatives and significant others towards the present adoption:** (Give a short description about the opinion of other important persons towards adoption who would have impact in the child rearing process when the child arrives in the receiving country.)

**G. Anticipated Plans of the prospective adoptive parents for adopted child and rearing in the Family:**

- (1) Please describe how you will manage caring for the adopted child and other life commitments such as work.
- (2) Who will be responsible for caring for the child when you are at work, or absent from the familial home (domestic help, grandparents and spouse).
- (3) In case the adopted child demonstrates adjustment difficulties, please describe the steps that you plan to take to ease his/her transition into the family?

**H. Preparation and Training for Adoption:** (Give details about the counselling if undergone on adoption, child care, handling of needs of children, prospective adoptive parents training and/or experiences in parenting children having special needs, if any)

Understanding about adoption procedure:  
Reading of reference materials:  
Learning from friends/relatives:  
Interaction with adoptive parents groups:  
Learning through counselling from professional:

- I. Possible Rehabilitation Plan for the child in case of any eventuality with prospective adoptive parent(s):** (Give a short description about your plan for the security of the child in case you face any short or long term eventuality. In case you are a single prospective adoptive parent, please give a short description about the close relative who would be giving undertaking for the security of the child).

- (1) Does your work require you to travel?
- (2) Who would care for the child in your absence? Please provide a brief description including his/her age, gender, occupation and relationship:
- (3) In the event of unforeseen misfortune do you have someone who could take legal guardianship of child? If so, Please provide a brief description including his/her age, gender, occupation and relationship and contact details:

**J. Health Status (Emotional and Physical):**

- (1) Do you or your spouse suffer from any medical condition? If so, would you please provide details?

- (2) Are you or your spouse currently being treated by a psychologist or psychiatrist?
- (3) Are you currently taking any prescribed medication?
- (4) Are there currently any child(ren) in your house being treated for a severe medical condition?
- (5) Does your family have health and hospitalization insurance coverage for all family members?

**K. Certified that the above information is true to best of our knowledge**

**Name and signature of the prospective adoptive parents**



## **PART – 2**

(To be filled up by the Social Worker preparing the Home Study Report)

**As far as possible, the Home Study Report has to be completed within a period of one month from the date of registration.**

The social worker should attempt to put the prospective adoptive parents at ease by opening the conversation with a warm-up question. The social worker should employ non-verbal cues such as inclining the head and nodding to indicate that the prospective adoptive parents are actively listening. After each question, the social worker may provide the prospective adoptive parents with sufficient time to respond. Any verbal response by the social worker to an answer by the prospective adoptive parents should be neutral and non-judgmental. The social worker should attempt to establish eye contact as much as possible between reading the question and jotting down the response of the prospective adoptive parents to demonstrate empathy. The social worker should try to avoid interrupting the prospective adoptive parents unless they do not understand a response.

(The information/facts filled in the template shall be kept confidential by the agencies /authorities.)

### **1. Factual Assessment:**

- (i) Have you verified the contents of the facts mentioned in Part I of the template?Yes/No
  
- (ii) Are you satisfied about the facts mentioned in the documents vis-à-vis observation during interviews and visits?Yes/No

### **2. Psycho-social Assessment:**

#### 2.1 Interaction with the prospective adoptive parents

- (i) Have you interacted with the prospective adoptive parents individually and/or jointly?
  
- (ii) Are the prospective adoptive parent(s) well prepared for adoption? In case of single prospective adoptive parent, please mention about family support system.

- (iii) Do you think that prospective adoptive parents have expressed their genuine feeling for parenting?

## 2.2 Home visit findings:

- (i) When did you visit the home of the prospective adoptive parents? Who were the members present during your visit?
- (ii) Whom did you interact during the home visit?
- (iii) Have you met any neighbour/relative? Give a detailed description about the interaction?
- (iv) Whether the home environment is conducive for the child? If no, what steps can be taken to improve the situation? Have you advised the prospective adoptive parents?
- (v) Are the prospective adoptive parent(s) well prepared for adoption?
- (vi) Do you think that prospective adoptive parent(s) have expressed their genuineness during the interaction?
- (vii) Did the prospective adoptive parent(s) have any doubt about parenting issues or any other issues? Have you cleared their doubts?

## 2.3 Interaction with the family members:

- (i) Have you interacted with other family members of the prospective adoptive parents? What is their opinion about the proposed adoption? Are they positive about the adoption?
- (ii) Are there any other family member(s) whom you could not interact but they might have a larger role in the proposed adoption? If so, how did you do their assessment? Did you take their views subsequently?
- (iii) Have you interacted with older child(ren) present in the home of the prospective adoptive parents? If yes, please give details.

- (iv) Have you noticed any adverse remarks from the family members? If so, how far those remarks may have an impact on the adoption process?

2.4 Financial capacity:

- (i) What is your opinion about the financial status of the prospective adoptive parent(s)? Are they financially sound to welcome another member into their family?
- (ii) Have you observed any financial situation which is not disclosed in Part-I?

2.5 Physical and emotional capacity:

- (i) Are the prospective adoptive parents(s) in a good physical and emotional state to take care of a child?
- (ii) Have you observed any physical or psychological issues with the prospective adoptive parent(s) or any other family member that is going to affect the life of the upcoming child? If so, give details.
- (iii) Provide details of number of rooms in the house and if there is adequate space for the child to be supported.
- (iv) Are the prospective adoptive parent(s) emotionally equipped enough to take care of a child?

**3. Recommendation for adoption.**

3.1 Do you recommend the prospective adoptive parent(s) for adoption? Put your views and rationale for recommending the prospective adoptive parents for adoption including the parent(s) suitability. (Attach additional sheets, if required)

3.2 In case you do not recommend the prospective adoptive parents for adoption, appropriate reasons for taking such decision must be given in detail.

**Signature, name, designation of Social Worker**

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