

Central Adoption Resource Authority
Ministry of Women & Child Development,
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West Block - 8, Wing - 2, 2nd Floor,
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CARA-PM01/1/2023-PC

06/02/2023

To,

Sh. Manoj Kumar Prabhat
Under Secretary,
Child Welfare Section II,
Ministry of Women & Child Development,
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

Sub : Information/inputs for Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question No. – 789 (Dy. No. – U816) raised by Ms. Sushmita Dev, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 08/02/2023 – regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to MWCD's Emails (Child Welfare Section II) dated 01/02/2023 & 02/02/2023 regarding Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question No. – 789 (Dy. No. – U816) raised by Ms. Sushmita Dev, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 08/02/2023 related to "Deaths of Children in Specialised Adoption Agencies". In this regard, draft inputs/ reply are given below:-

S.No.	Question	Reply
(a)	The number of children who died in Specialised Adoption Agencies in the year 2022;	As per Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System (CARINGS), an online application/portal of CARA for adoption, a total of 81 children had died in the fiscal year 2022-2023 as on 03/02/2023.
(b)	The reasons for the deaths of over 2000 children who have been adopted via Specialised Adoption Agencies; and	There is no fact to support the information.
(c)	Apart from inspections, whether Government plans to take any other step to prevent the deaths of these innocent children?	Government has introduced a robust child protection regime through Mission Vatsalya which draws strength from the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (amended in 2021), the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2016 (amended in 2022) and Adoption Regulations, 2022.

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

Yours faithfully,

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CARA-PM01/2/2023-PC

07/02/2023

To,

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Under Secretary,
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Sub : Information/inputs for Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. – S128, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 08/02/2023 – regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to MWCD's Email (Child Welfare Section II) dated 01/02/2023 regarding Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. – S128, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 08/02/2023 related to "Orphaned Children". In this regard, draft inputs/ reply are given below:-

S.No.	Question	Reply
(a)	whether it is a fact that the ratio of abandoned or orphaned children (29.6 million) to children in institutionalized care (500,000) is highly unbalanced;	CARA is not aware of 29.6 million orphan children as it has registered only 3784 numbers of children, legally free for adoption, under Orphan, Abandoned & Surrendered (OAS) category from 490 Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs) and 5733 linked Child Care Institutions (CCIs).
(b)	whether older children, siblings, and children with disabilities are least likely to be adopted by prospective parents and if so, steps Government plans to address this;	No. Government has a strict protocol to promote rehabilitation of all such children as stipulated in the Adoption Regulations, 2022 which is based on the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (amended in 2021). Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System (CARINGS), the online system in place, has

		provided facilities for the Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs) to adopt all such children who are legally free for adoption. Details of children having disabilities, siblings and older children are accessible to waiting PAPs. In order to enhance the reach of such children to waiting families, Seven Days Module has been introduced with effect from 14th November, 2022 for Resident Indian/ Non-resident Indians/ Overseas Citizens of India card holder PAPs to adopt such children irrespective of their seniority. This measure has given good results.
(c)	whether south Indian states have higher adoption rates in comparison to north-Indian states like Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, and the seven North-Eastern States;	Yes. Details are placed at Annexure-A . The reasons can be attributed to the fact that number of adoptions depends on number of children admitted in the SAA or CCI and further subject to receiving Legally Free for Adoption (LFA) Certificates by the Child Welfare Committees.
(d)	if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and	
(e)	whether the biggest reason behind low adoption rates in North-Eastern States is the lack of registered agencies?	No. Out of total 490 Specialised Adoption Agencies across the country, 57 are in north-eastern states.

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Encl. : As above.

CENTRAL ADOPTION RESOURCE AUTHORITY

Adoption Data

Sl.no	State	Year 2020-21			Year 2021-22			Year 2022-23) (As on 31st December 2022)		
		In-Country	Inter-Country	Total	In-Country	Inter-Country	Total	In-Country	Inter-Country	Total
1	Andaman and Nicobar Island	0	0	0	1	0	1	9	0	9
2	Andhra Pradesh	75	24	99	75	17	92	60	12	72
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3	0	3	3	0	3	6	1	7
4	Assam	76	8	84	89	7	96	65	4	69
5	Bihar	122	15	137	114	15	129	69	15	84
6	Chandigarh	11	0	11	9	0	9	5	3	8
7	Chhattisgarh	95	13	108	92	9	101	66	6	72
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	3	0	3	2	0	2	1	0	1
9	Delhi	84	18	102	70	17	87	59	7	66
10	Goa	21	0	21	22	0	22	8	0	8
11	Gujarat	107	15	122	97	10	107	63	7	70
12	Haryana	35	9	44	56	4	60	42	7	49
13	Himachal Pradesh	3	0	3	5	0	5	5	1	6
14	Jammu and Kashmir	-	-	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
15	Jharkhand	78	5	83	67	7	74	61	12	73
16	Karnataka	227	29	256	250	39	289	133	27	160
17	Kerala	127	10	137	93	16	109	64	8	72
18	Ladakh	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Lakshadweep	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	141	18	159	128	16	144	105	6	111
21	Maharashtra	593	75	668	499	65	564	350	75	425
22	Manipur	6	1	7	3	2	5	5	0	5
23	Meghalaya	17	1	18	10	1	11	20	0	20
24	Mizoram	30	7	37	26	4	30	26	2	28
25	Nagaland	12	6	18	13	4	17	5	2	7
26	Orissa	170	9	179	150	28	178	110	15	125
27	Pondicherry	10	0	10	10	0	10	6	0	6
28	Punjab	46	24	70	38	16	54	36	1	37
29	Rajasthan	129	21	150	129	13	142	71	10	81
30	Sikkim	18	0	18	39	0	39	20	1	21
31	Tamil Nadu	353	22	375	294	24	318	255	17	272
32	Telangana	126	21	147	178	32	210	132	27	159
33	Tripura	14	0	14	11	0	11	8	0	8
34	Uttar Pradesh	197	42	239	174	39	213	140	12	152
35	Uttarakhand	16	4	20	14	4	18	23	2	25
36	West Bengal	197	20	217	229	25	254	111	20	131
	Total	3142	417	3559	2991	414	3405	2139	300	2439

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13/03/2023

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Sub : Information/inputs for Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. – S3209, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 15/03/2023 – regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to MWCD's Email (Child Welfare Section II) dated 07/03/2023 regarding Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. – S3209, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 15/03/2023 related to "Mission Vatsalya". In this regard, draft inputs/ reply are given below:-


S.No.	Question	Reply												
(a)	Details on the funds allocated, released and spent on Mission Vatsalya, since its launch;	The question is not pertaining to CARA. Hence, Ministry may like to respond on this.												
(b)	Details on the work undertaken and executed by the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA), in the last three years;	<p>Details of the work undertaken and executed by the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) may be accessed from its Annual Reports available in the website (www.cara.nic.in).</p> <p>Details of children placed in adoption during the last three years are as under :-</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Year</th><th>In-country Adoption</th><th>Inter-country Adoption</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>2019-2020</td><td>3351</td><td>394</td></tr><tr><td>2020-2021</td><td>3142</td><td>417</td></tr><tr><td>2021-2022</td><td>2991</td><td>414</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>SOURCE : CARINGS</p>	Year	In-country Adoption	Inter-country Adoption	2019-2020	3351	394	2020-2021	3142	417	2021-2022	2991	414
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(c)	Details on the cradle baby reception centres established under the scheme; and	CARA does not have such information. However, CARA has issued a circular to all Specialised Adoption Agencies for installing cradle signage in appropriate places.
(d)	Details on the gender based homes established for special needs children under the scheme, in the past three years?	Not Available.

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

Yours faithfully,


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To,

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Sub : Information/inputs for Rajya Sabha Admitted Version of Starred/ Un-starred Question No. - 1748 (Dy. No. – S3804) raised by Smt. Mamata Mohanta, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 15/03/2023 – regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to MWCD's Emails (Secretary's Office and Child Welfare Section II) dated 03/03/2023, 07/03/2023 & 10/03/2023 regarding Rajya Sabha Admitted Version of Starred/ Un-starred Question No. - 1748 (Dy. No. – S3804) raised by Smt. Mamata Mohanta, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 15/03/2023 related to "Simplification of the procedure for Child Adoption". In this regard, draft inputs/ reply are given below :-

S.No.	Question	Reply
(a)	Whether Government has simplified its policy/ procedure pertaining to the adoption of children so as to facilitate the guardians/ parents to adopt a child both in-country and inter-country adoption;	Yes. The Government has further simplified its policy pertaining to adoption through the notifications of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Act, 2021 on 09/08/2021, the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Amendment Rules, 2022 on 01/09/2022 and the Adoption Regulations, 2022 on 23/09/2022.
(b)	If so, the details thereof;	Some of the key amendments done in the Adoption Regulations, 2022 are as below :- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• District Magistrate to issue Adoption

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		<p>order;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Medical Officer to determine the health status of the child in case the child is having special needs; • Classification of Special Needs redrafted as per Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and Medical Examination Report format improved; • State Govt. to setup a Governing body with Secretary of the State Govt. as its Chairperson and Director of the department as CEO and Member Secretary along with a nodal officer at the level of Deputy Director; • Age eligibility of PAPs redefined to ensure younger PAPs for younger children; • OCI at par with RI/NRI for referral purpose has been made functional; • 7 Days Portal for RI/NRI/OCI PAPs where the PAPs can reserve a child irrespective of their seniority to prioritise placement of children in adoption in their own socio-cultural milieu; • State based referral priority introduced to ensure that the child as far as possible is placed in their own socio cultural milieu; • PAPs to be barred for one year if they fail to reserve a single referral out of three; • PAPs to be blacklisted from the adoption procedure if found to be the cause of disruption or dissolution; • PAPs with more than two children do not qualify to get referral for a normal child. However, this is not applicable in case they wish to adopt a hard to place or special needs child; • IDM to take up the remaining post adoption follow ups for the Indian adoptive parents relocating to a foreign country; • Timeline has been stipulated for authorities and agencies at each level to curtail delay; • Counselling stipulated at each level
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		to enhance preparedness of prospective adoptive parents and the older children.												
(c)	The various roles of Central Adoption Resource Authority - CARA for adoption of Indian Children; and	<p>Section 68 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 notified by the Government of India on January 15, 2016, stipulates Central Adoption Resource Authority the following functions, namely :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to promote in-country adoptions and to facilitate inter-state adoptions in co-ordination with State Agency; • to regulate inter-country adoptions; • to frame regulations on adoption and related matters from time to time as may be necessary; • to carry out the functions of the Central Authority under the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in respect of Inter-country Adoption; • any other function as may be prescribed. 												
(d)	The number of orphan, abandoned and surrendered children who have been adopted during the last three years through CARA's associated/ recognized adoption agencies?	<p>Number of orphan, abandoned and surrendered children adopted during the last three years are as under :-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>In-country Adoption</th> <th>Inter-country Adoption</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2019-2020</td> <td>3351</td> <td>394</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2020-2021</td> <td>3142</td> <td>417</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2021-2022</td> <td>2991</td> <td>414</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>SOURCE : CARINGS</p>	Year	In-country Adoption	Inter-country Adoption	2019-2020	3351	394	2020-2021	3142	417	2021-2022	2991	414
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17/03/2023

To,

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Sub : Information/inputs for Rajya Sabha Admitted Version of Starred/Un-starred Question No. – 2558 (Dy. No. – S4904, S4936) raised by Sh. Javed Ali Khan and Sh. Ram Nath Thakur, Hon'ble Members of Parliament, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 22/03/2023 – regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to MWCD's Emails (Child Welfare Section II) dated 15/03/2023 & 16/03/2023 regarding Rajya Sabha Admitted Version of Starred/Un-starred Question No. – 2558 (Dy. No. – S4904, S4936) raised by Sh. Javed Ali Khan and Sh. Ram Nath Thakur, Hon'ble Members of Parliament, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 22/03/2023 related to "Vacancies in the Ministry". In this regard, draft inputs/ reply are given below :-

S.No.	Question	Reply										
(a)	Details of vacancies as on 20 th March, 2023 in the Ministry's Main Secretariat, it's subordinate organizations, bodies, institutions etc., separately;	Details of vacancies in Central Adoption Recourse Authority (CARA) as on 20 th March, 2023 are as under :- <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Group</th><th>No. of Vacancies</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Group "A"</td><td>08</td></tr><tr><td>Group "B"</td><td>04</td></tr><tr><td>Group "C"</td><td>03</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>15</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Note : The above details of funds are related to establishment head. .</p>	Group	No. of Vacancies	Group "A"	08	Group "B"	04	Group "C"	03	Total	15
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(b)	The details of funds allocated, released and utilized for filling up of vacancies in above Secretariat, organisations, bodies, institutions, etc. separately, during 2022-23 till date; and	(Rs. In Crore)		
		Funds Allocated	Funds Released	Funds Utilised
		5.00	3.75	3.20
(c)	The details of vacancies filled during 2022-23 till date in Main Secretariat, subordinate organizations, bodies, institutions etc., separately?	Details of vacancies filled by Central Adoption Recourse Authority (CARA) during 2022-23 till date are as under :		
		Group	No. of vacancies filled	
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		Group "B"	---	
		Group "C"	---	
		Total	08	

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(b)	The details of funds allocated, released and utilized for filling up of vacancies in above Secretariat, organisations, bodies, institutions, etc. separately, during 2022-23 till date; and	(Rs. In Crore)		
		Funds Allocated	Funds Released	Funds Utilised
		5.00	3.75	3.20
		<p><u>Note</u> : The above details of funds are related to establishment head. Further, an amount of Rs.22,786/- has been spent during the year 2022-23 (till date) towards advertisements published in the Newspapers for filling-up the various posts of CARA.</p>		
(c)	The details of vacancies filled during 2022-23 till date in Main Secretariat, subordinate organizations, bodies, institutions etc., separately?	Details of vacancies filled by Central Adoption Recourse Authority (CARA) during 2022-23 till date are as under :		
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Ministry of Women and Child Development

RAJYA SABHA
ADMITTED VERSION OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 312
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29/03/2023

CONDITIONS OF ORPHANS AND ABANDONED CHILDREN,

312 : SHRI ABDUL WAHAB

Will the Minister of Women & Child Development be pleased to state :

- a. number of orphans and abandoned children in the country, year-wise and state-wise:
- b. total number of children homes functioning in the country till date and number of children residing therein:
- c. the prevalent children-to-caretaker ratio in the country; and
- d. reported incidents of children getting physically and sexually exploited in Child Shelter Homes in the last three years, state-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)**

- a. The details of number of orphan and abandoned children in the country as on 27.03.2023 are as under:-

Year	Orphan	Abandoned	Surrendered*
2022 - 24 March 2023	242	1830	1817
2021-22	274	1811	1790
2020-21	268	1692	1696
2019-20	335	2589	2030

*In addition to Orphan and Abandoned children, Surrendered children are also available for adoption under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (Amended in 2021).

State wise details are at **Annexure A**.

- b. The children available for adoption are placed either in Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA) or Child Care Institution (CCI). Details regarding the same can be retrieved from online portal CARINGS.

Number of SAAs and CCIs Functioning in the Country (as on 24-03-2023)		
Sl. No	Type	Total
	SAA	495
	CCIs (Linked)	5747
	Total	6242

State wise details are at **Annexure B**.

- c. PERTAINING TO MINISTRY
d. PERTAINING TO MINISTRY

POSITION : _____

RAJYA SABHA
ADMITTED VERSION OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 312 TO BE
ANSWERED ON 29/03/2023

NOTE FOR SUPPLEMENTARIES

1. Introduction

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2021-22	2991	414
2022-23	2854	423

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(b)	Whether it is a fact that prospective parents are waiting for more than three years to get their adoption application processed even after completing all the formalities;	The long waiting period of the PAPs is attributed to the fact that there are more waiting parents in comparison to a lesser number of legally free children available for adoption. However, the children do not have to wait in the institutions, as there is an online referral system enabling placement of children in adoption expeditiously.
(c)	Whether Government is considering simplifying the adoption procedure as directed by the Supreme Court; and	Yes. The Government has further simplified its policy pertaining to adoption through the notifications of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Act, 2021 on 09/08/2021, the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Amendment Rules, 2022 on 01/09/2022 and the Adoption Regulations, 2022 on

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Orphan Abandoned and Surrendered Children Registration State Wise

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		Orphan	Abandoned	Surrendered	Orphan	Abandoned	Surrendered	Orphan	Abandoned	Surrendered	Orphan	Abandoned	Surrendered
1	Andaman and Nicobar Island	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	Andhra Pradesh	32	56	41	5	27	34	5	18	32	7	20	30
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	6	4	1	1	3
4	Assam	2	74	68	2	46	43	2	42	61	2	38	68
5	Bihar	27	245	5	14	169	4	14	203	3	24	234	9
6	Chandigarh	0	6	5	0	2	8	2	6	7	2	4	5
7	Chhattisgarh	18	74	77	15	49	60	20	75	55	16	60	51
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9	Delhi	3	172	27	1	96	21	2	86	29	5	95	16
10	Goa	6	2	10	4	2	12	2	6	11	0	5	14
11	Gujarat	3	91	66	4	59	38	2	64	63	3	66	51
12	Haryana	8	74	28	4	35	30	1	46	24	0	50	36
13	Himachal Pradesh	2	2	1	0	2	1	3	7	4	0	0	7
14	Jammu and Kashmir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	7	13
15	Jharkhand	5	73	88	1	51	35	8	36	41	2	46	40
16	Karnataka	6	109	224	7	88	183	7	72	217	8	65	180
17	Kerala	0	29	93	1	36	114	1	18	95	1	19	95
18	Ladakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	78	158	57	39	82	42	54	55	44	50	80	56
21	Maharashtra	16	239	544	75	130	408	11	198	419	32	192	391
22	Manipur	0	4	7	3	0	2	4	2	4	5	6	3
23	Meghalaya	0	3	7	0	0	9	0	1	5	0	1	9
24	Mizoram	0	1	18	2	3	13	0	1	10	3	3	20
25	Nagaland	0	0	16	0	2	10	0	4	11	0	1	3
26	Orissa	20	136	119	15	109	84	17	99	91	13	103	87
27	Pondicherry	0	1	15	0	3	13	0	6	5	3	3	6
28	Punjab	0	56	12	1	26	13	7	35	6	3	52	12
29	Rajasthan	11	178	38	5	137	33	8	130	21	6	106	35
30	Sikkim	0	0	18	0	0	14	0	1	11	0	0	9
31	Tamil Nadu	6	132	258	1	89	301	4	83	312	5	64	352
32	Telangana	2	74	108	3	40	82	7	50	112	2	37	113
33	Tripura	1	5	9	0	1	9	1	5	10	0	3	4
34	Uttar Pradesh	73	356	7	53	245	10	68	273	9	32	295	27
35	Uttarakhand	0	15	2	0	10	12	0	11	6	11	12	10

36	West Bengal	16	220	53	13	150	51	24	170	66	9	162	60
	Total	335	2589	2030	268	1692	1696	274	1811	1790	242	1830	1817

Number of Children residing in SAA and linked CCIs		
Sr.No.	State	Total
1	Andaman and Nicobar Island	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	305
3	Arunachal Pradesh	10
4	Assam	137
5	Bihar	269
6	Chandigarh	34
7	Chhattisgarh	230
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	5
9	Delhi	394
10	Goa	47
11	Gujarat	158
12	Haryana	177
13	Himachal Pradesh	15
14	Jammu and Kashmir	9
15	Jharkhand	187
16	Karnataka	506
17	Kerala	154
18	Ladakh	0
19	Lakshadweep	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	460
21	Maharashtra	1363
22	Manipur	64
23	Meghalaya	13
24	Mizoram	33
25	Nagaland	2
26	Orissa	409
27	Pondicherry	6
28	Punjab	282
29	Rajasthan	170
30	Sikkim	8
31	Tamil Nadu	321
32	Telangana	431
33	Tripura	66
34	Uttar Pradesh	415
35	Uttarakhand	34
36	West Bengal	362
	Total	7076