

Central Adoption Resource Authority
Ministry of Women & Child Development,
Government of India,
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R.K. Puram, New Delhi - 110066

CARA-PM01/11/2023-PC

19/07/2023

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 Dy. No. – S1851, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 26/07/2023 – regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to MWCD's Email (Secretary's Office) dated 13/07/2023 regarding Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. – S1851, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 26/07/2023 related to "Internal Complaints Committee in Union Ministries". In this regard, draft inputs/ reply are given below :-

S.No.	Question	Reply
(a)	Detailed list of Union Ministries with ICC headed by women in place and those without it;	CARA's ICC is headed by a woman. Copy of Office Order is placed at Annexure-I .
(b)	Number of complaints received in ICC of Ministries;	Nil.
(c)	Number of cases registered, complaints disposed of and complaints pending; and	Nil in 2022-23.
(d)	Number and details of Disciplinary action taken against officials.	N.A.

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

Yours faithfully,

Pandit
19/7/2023

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सं./No. CARA-EA028/5/2020-O/o Secy(CARA)

दिनांक/ Date 18.05.2022.....

Officer Order

This is in continuation to our office order or even no dtd. 24/08/2021. An Internal Complaints Committee on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace is now re-constituted in CARA with immediate effect with the following members:

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2. The Committee would be in place for a period of three years from the date of its constitution except the Chairperson who would continue to head the Committee till expiry of her tenure in the official capacity.

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4. For the purposes of any inquiry into misconduct as defined under the CCS (conduct) Rules, 1964, the Committee shall be deemed to be the Disciplinary Committee under the rules and shall out the inquiry the provision of the relevant authority.

5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

AD/...
25.05.2022

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Joint Director, CARA

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Sub : Information/inputs for Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. – S1859, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 26/07/2023 – regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to MWCD's Email (Secretary's Office) dated 13/07/2023 regarding Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. – S1859, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 26/07/2023 related to "Implementation of PoSH". In this regard, draft inputs/ reply are given below :-

S.No.	Question	Reply
(a)	The number of government or semi-government institution that do not have Internal Complaints Committee (ICC);	CARA has an Internal Complaints Committee (ICC).
(b)	The number of organization that have ICC in place;	---
(c)	Whether government has identified any implementation challenges with respect to the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (PoSH);	No.
(d)	If yes, the details thereof;	Nil.
(e)	The number of sexual harassment complaints received by the ICC in 2022-23;	Nil.

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(f)	Whether the government is taking any steps to prevent workplace sexual harassment of women employed in informal sector; and	ICC has been constituted.
(g)	If yes, the details thereof.	Copy of Office Order is placed at Annexure-I.

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

Yours faithfully,

Pandini

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Deputy Director

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21/07/2023

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Child Welfare Section II,
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Sub : Information/inputs for Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. – S1961, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 26/07/2023 – regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to MWCD's Email (Secretary's Office) dated 13/07/2023 regarding Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. – S1961, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 26/07/2023 related to "The Role of Sponsorship and Foster Care Approval Committee (SFCAC) in helping orphan and street children". In this regard, draft inputs/ reply are given below :-

S.No.	Question	Reply
(a)	Measures taken by the ministry to identify orphan and street children in villages who require assistance; Give details on the process undertaken by the Child Welfare and Protection Committee for this identification;	These questions are related to child protection services envisaged in Mission Vatsalya. This also talks about the Sponsorship and Foster Care Approval Committee (SFCAC). May please be responded by Ministry.
(b)	Elaborate on the role of the SFCAC in approving sponsorship recommendations made by the committee;	
(c)	Give data on the differences between the types of sponsorship available, namely government-aided sponsorship and private-aided sponsorship?	

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(d)	What support will be extended to children who leave child care institutions upon reaching 18 years of age? Explain the financial assistance provided to these young adults to help them integrate into the mainstream and become self-dependent.
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This issues with the approval of Member Secretary & CEO, CARA.

Yours faithfully,

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To,

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Under Secretary,
Child Welfare Section II,
Ministry of Women & Child Development,
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Sub : Information/inputs for Rajya Sabha Admitted Version of Starred/ Un-starred Question No. - 792 (Dy. No. - U154) raised by Sh. Naranbhai J. Rathwa, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 26/07/2023 – regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to MWCD's Email (Secretary's Office) dated 13/07/2023 and MWCD's Email (Child Welfare Section II) dated 20/07/2023 regarding Rajya Sabha Admitted Version of Starred/ Un-starred Question No. - 792 (Dy. No. - U154) raised by Sh.Naranbhai J. Rathwa, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 26/07/2023 related to "Adoption of children in various States/UTs". In this regard, draft inputs/ reply are given below :-

S.No.	Question	Reply
(a)	Whether it is a fact that even after passing the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Act, 2021, the process of adoption of children in various State/UTs is very slow;	No
(b)	If so, details thereof and the reasons therefor;	Not Applicable
(c)	How many children have been adopted during the last one year in various States/UTs, State-wise; and	Adoption Data (State-wise) for the year 2022-23 is placed at Annexure-I .

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(d)	Steps being taken to expedite the adoption process of children in various States/UTs?	Some of the key amendments undertaken through the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (Amended in 2021), the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Amendment Rules, 2022, and Adoption Regulations, 2022 are placed at Annexure-II which have been helpful to expedite the adoption process.
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Deputy Director

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Ministry of Women and Child Development, GOI

State-wise Adoption Data (2022-23)		
Sr. No.	State	Number
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1
2	Andhra Pradesh	99
3	Arunachal Pradesh	8
4	Assam	93
5	Bihar	129
6	Chandigarh	9
7	Chhattisgarh	96
8	Delhi	95
9	Goa	11
10	Gujarat	105
11	Haryana	67
12	Himachal Pradesh	8
13	Jammu and Kashmir	5
14	Jharkhand	91
15	Karnataka	221
16	Kerala	114
17	Ladakh	0
18	Lakshadweep	0

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19	Madhya Pradesh	147
20	Maharashtra	562
21	Manipur	4
22	Meghalaya	35
23	Mizoram	38
24	Nagaland	10
25	Odisha	189
26	Puducherry	10
27	Punjab	73
28	Rajasthan	119
29	Sikkim	44
30	Tamil Nadu	372
31	Telangana	223
32	The Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	1
33	Tripura	10
34	Uttar Pradesh	226
35	Uttarakhand	33
36	West Bengal	193
	Total	3441

SOURCE : CARINGS

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Some of the key amendments undertaken through the JJ Act 2015 (amended in 2021), JJ Rules 2022 and Adoption Regulations 2022

1. District Magistrate to issue Adoption order.
2. Chief medical officer to determine the health status of the child.
3. Classification of Special needs redrafted as per Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and Part E of Medical examination report.
4. 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.
5. Age eligibility of PAPs redefined to ensure younger PAPs for younger children.
6. OCI at par with RI/NRI for referral purpose has been made functional.
7. 7 days portal for RI/NRI/OCI PAPs where the PAPs can reserve a child irrespective of their seniority.
8. State based referral priority introduced to ensure child (as far as possible) is placed in their own socio cultural milieu.
9. PAPs to be barred for one year if they fail to reserve a single referral out of three.
10. PAPs to be blacklisted from the adoption procedure if found to be the cause of disruption or dissolution.
11. PAPs with more than two children do not qualify to get referral for a normal child. (This criteria is relaxed for adopting hard to place or special needs children).
12. IDM to take up the remaining post adoption follow ups for the Indian adoptive parents relocating to a foreign country.
13. Timeline has been stipulated for authorities and agencies at each level to curtail delay.
14. Counselling stipulated at each level to enhance preparedness of prospective adoptive parents and the older children.

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Sub : Information/inputs for Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. – U1219, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 26/07/2023 – regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to MWCD's Email (Secretary's Office) dated 13/07/2023 regarding Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. – U1219, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 26/07/2023. In this regard, draft inputs/ reply are given below :-

S.No.	Question	Reply
(a)	Whether it is fact that incidents of families returning children to state adoption agencies have an unusual spike in the past year;	No
(b)	If so, the Union Government taken any steps to resolve it.	NA

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

Yours faithfully,

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24/7/23

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RAJYA SABHA
ADMITTED VERSION OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 64
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26/07/2023

ORPHANS IN THE COUNTRY

64 : SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVDI

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

- (a) Whether there is data on number of orphan children in the country;
- (b) If so, the number of orphan children, State-wise, during the last three years;
- (c) Whether there are any specific programmes addressing the rights of orphan children and their wellbeing in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) How many children are covered, State-wise under each programme;
- (e) Whether there is budget allocation for welfare of orphan children in the country, if so the details thereof; and
- (f) The amount and number of children covered during the said period?

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ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) Yes, Madam. Data of orphan children are available in the Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System (CARINGS), an online application/portal of Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA).

(b) The details of state-wise number of orphan children registered in the CARINGS during the last three years are as under :-

Year	Orphan	Abandoned*	Surrendered*
2020-21	268	1692	1704
2021-22	274	1811	1784
2022-23	252	1937	1914

*In addition to orphan children, abandoned and surrendered children are also available for adoption under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (Amended in 2021). State-wise details for the last three years are placed at **Annexure-I**.

(c) The rights of orphan children are secured under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (amended in 2021), subsequent amendments made in it in the year 2021 and the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Amendment Rules, 2022, Adoption Regulations 2022 and Mission Vatsalya 2022.

Protection, social integration and rehabilitation of such children have been safeguarded through legislations and other policy measures as stated above. Such children have access to both institutional and non-institutional care and rehabilitation.

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(d) State-wise details of orphan, abandoned and surrendered children for the year 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 are placed at **Annexure-I**.

(e) Under the scheme of Mission Vatsalya of MWCD, grant-in-aid is considered for various child care institutions to benefit orphan, abandoned and surrendered children housed in child care institutions.

(f) Ministry to respond.

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ANSWERED ON 26/07/2023

NOTE FOR SUPPLEMENTARIES

1. What is adoption?

Adoption is the process through which a non-biological child becomes the legitimate child of his adoptive parents with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities that are attached to the relationship. Adoption is a child welfare measure as well as a means for parents to satisfy the desire to complete their family. Adoption procedure related to orphan, abandoned and surrendered children has been streamlined with Government's notification of the Adoption Regulations, 2022 on 23rd September 2022, as stipulated under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 amended in 2021.

2. What is the mandate of CARA?

Central Adoption Resource Authority under Section 68 of the Act shall perform the following functions, namely:

- (a) to promote in-country adoptions and to facilitate inter-State adoptions in co-ordination with State Agency;
- (b) to regulate inter-country adoptions;
- (c) to frame regulations on adoption and related matters from time to time as may be necessary;
- (d) 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;
- (e) any other function as may be prescribed.

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3. How many authorities and agencies are involved in the adoption procedure?

CARA functions with the help of various associated agencies and authorities in the country:-

- a) Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs) : 500.
- b) Authorised Foreign Adoption Agencies (AFAAs) and Central Authorities (CAs) for the purpose of Inter-country adoption : 65 & 44 respectively
- c) District Child Protection Units (DCPUs) : 728.
- d) State Adoption Resource Agencies (SARAs) : 34.
- e) Chief Medical Officers (CMOs): 585
- f) All District Magistrates

4. Who is an orphan, abandoned or surrendered (OAS) child?

As per the JJ Act the above-mentioned categories are defined as:

Section 2(1) “abandoned child” means a child deserted by his biological or adoptive parents or guardians, who has been declared as abandoned by the Committee after due inquiry;

Section 2(42) “orphan” means a child— (i) who is without biological or adoptive parents or legal guardian; or (ii) whose legal guardian is not willing to take, or capable of taking care of the child;

Section 2(60) “surrendered child” means a child, who is relinquished by the parent or guardian to the Committee, on account of physical, emotional and social factors beyond their control, and declared as such by the Committee.

5. What are the changes brought after the notification of new Adoption Regulations, 2022 :

- a) Entire adoption process is **transparent and adoptions are completed on-line** through the portal, Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System (CARINGS). Major new provisions mandated by Adoption Regulation 2022 have been introduced on the portal like Foster Adoption, Disruption and Dissolution, CMO Module, DM Module, 7 days tab for

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RI/NRI/OCI PAPs. Further, CWCs shall be soon enabled to have access on CARINGS.

- b) **Adoption Orders by DM:** Adoption Regulations were notified on 23rd September 2022. As on 12th September 2022, the total pendency of adoption orders was 997 while it has been reduced to 134 as on date.
- c) **State based Referral:** To ensure placement of children in same socio cultural milieu, Resident Indians (RI)/ Non-resident Indians (NRI)/ Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs) can opt for state/cluster on the basis of ID proofs.
- d) **Verification of Special Needs by CMO:** CMO have started on-line verifications of Special Needs medical conditions of children.
- e) **Promotion of In-country adoption:** All those children who could not find a family within the stipulated time period of referrals, are now being offered to RI/NRI/OCI PAPs through '7 Days for RI/NRI/OCI tab'. Earlier the provision was such that these children, after completing their stipulated time period of referrals, would be offered to foreign PAPs. But these children are now being adopted by RI/NRI/OCI PAPs in their own socio-cultural milieu instead of being offered to foreign PAPs.
- f) **Younger PAPs for Younger Children:** Age eligibility criteria have been further streamlined to ensure that younger children are placed with younger PAPs. Children in the age group of 0-2 years are placed with the PAPs having maximum age of 85 years in case of married couples and 40 years in case of single PAP.
- g) **Foster Adoption:** Children living with foster parents had to wait for 5 years before they could be adopted by foster families. Now the child can be adopted by the foster family after 2 years. Further, efforts are being made for prospective foster parents to register online on CARINGS portal.
- h) **Mandatory counseling:** In order to reduce Disruption or Dissolution, adoption counselling has been stipulated at pre-adoption, adoption and post-adoption level both for older children and the adoptive parents
- i) **Timelines:** Strict time lines have been mandated in order to reduce delay in processes. Timelines at various stages like uploading of Legally Free for Adoption (LFA) within ten days, examination of special needs children within a period of fifteen

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days and verification of adoption application documents by DCPU within five days have already begun.

- j) **Outreach Activities** : CARA has been organising regular training and capacity building programmes to equip its stakeholders with relevant skills and information. The trainings are broadly classified in to following categories:
- a. State Orientation and Training programme (Offline)
 - b. Refresher Training (Online)
 - c. Prospective and Adoptive Parents meet (Offline)
 - d. Visits and Inspections
- k) **Grievance management system revamped**: An efficient grievance redressal and **12 hour Help Desk** system has been put in place for the redresses of queries and grievances in a speedy and transparent manner.

6. What is SAA-CCI Linkage and why is it necessary?

Section 2(21) of JJ Act, 2015 (amended in 2021) defines “child care institution” as Children Home, open shelter, observation home, special home, place of safety, Specialised Adoption Agency and a fit facility recognised under this Act for providing care and protection to children, who are in need of such services;

Section 2(57) of the JJ Act, 2015 (amended in 2021) “Specialised Adoption Agency” means an institution established by the State Government or by a voluntary or non-governmental organisation and recognised under section 65, for housing orphans, abandoned and surrendered children, placed there by order of the Committee, for the purpose of adoption;

It may be noted that adoption of an orphan, abandoned or surrendered child can only take place through a Specialised Adoption Agency, therefore it becomes pertinent to link child care institutions to a SAA. As on 25.07.2023, a total of **5785** CCIs are linked with SAAs.

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State-wise Number of Orphan, Abandoned and Surrendered in the country

Sl.no	State	2020-21			2021-22			2022-23		
		Orphan	Abandoned	Surrendered	Orphan	Abandoned	Surrendered	Orphan	Abandoned	Surrendered
1	Andaman and Nicobar Island	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	Andhra Pradesh	5	27	34	5	18	31	8	23	34
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	3	0	6	4	1	1	3
4	Assam	2	46	43	2	42	61	2	38	71
5	Bihar	14	169	4	14	203	3	25	243	9
6	Chandigarh	0	2	8	2	6	7	2	4	5
7	Chhattisgarh	15	49	59	20	75	55	16	63	52
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	0	3	0	0	1	1	9	101	19
9	Delhi	1	96	22	2	86	29	0	5	15
10	Goa	4	2	12	2	6	11	3	69	52
11	Gujarat	4	59	38	2	64	62	0	50	39
12	Haryana	4	35	30	1	46	24	0	0	7
13	Himachal Pradesh	0	2	1	3	7	4	0	8	13
14	Jammu and Kashmir	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	46	40
15	Jharkhand	1	51	35	8	36	42	8	71	190
16	Karnataka	7	88	183	7	72	213	1	19	101
17	Kerala	1	36	114	1	18	94	0	0	0
18	Ladakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	87	56
20	Madhya Pradesh	39	82	42	54	55	44	32	203	430
21	Maharashtra	75	130	409	11	198	418	5	6	3
22	Manipur	3	0	2	4	2	4	0	1	9
23	Meghalaya	0	0	9	0	1	5	3	1	20
24	Mizoram	2	3	13	0	1	10	0	1	3
25	Nagaland	0	2	10	0	4	11	13	111	92
26	Orissa	15	109	86	17	99	91	0	3	6
27	Pondicherry	0	3	13	0	6	5	3	51	12
28	Punjab	1	26	13	7	35	5	6	110	36
29	Rajasthan	5	137	33	8	130	21	0	0	9
30	Sikkim	0	0	15	0	1	11	5	64	363
31	Tamil Nadu	1	89	305	4	83	312	2	39	122
32	Telangana	3	40	82	7	50	112	0	0	1
33	Tripura	0	1	9	1	5	9	0	3	4
34	Uttar Pradesh	53	245	10	68	273	11	32	313	27
35	Uttarakhand	0	10	12	0	11	6	12	16	10
36	West Bengal	13	150	51	24	170	68	9	187	60
	Total	268	1692	1704	274	1811	1784	252	1937	1914

SOURCE : CARINGS

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To,

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Sub : Information/inputs for Rajya Sabha Admitted Version of Starred/ Un-starred Question No. - 800 raised by Smt. Sangeeta Yadav, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 26/07/2023 – regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to Letters/OM No. - 15/2/2023-PU dated 20/07/2023 of Parliament Unit, MWCD, downloaded from Notice Board of e-Office of MWCD regarding Rajya Sabha Admitted Version of Starred/ Un-starred Question No. - 800 raised by Smt. Sangeeta Yadav, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 26/07/2023 related to "Steps taken for prevention of Sexual harassment of women at workplace". In this regard, draft inputs/ reply are given below :-

S.No.	Question	Reply
(a)	Whether it is a fact that under the prevention of Sexual harassment of women at workplace Act, Ministries/ Department/ Offices are mandated to have an Internal Committee;	Yes, CARA has duly constituted Internal Complaints Committee (ICC).
(b)	Whether all paramilitary forces/ autonomous bodies/ sub-ordinate offices under Ministry have functional Internal Complaints Committee;	

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01/08/2023

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Sub : Information/inputs for Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. – U3486, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 02/08/2023 – regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to MWCD's Emails (Child Welfare Section II) dated 26/07/2023 regarding Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. – U3486, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 02/08/2023 related to "the status of children living in child care homes". In this regard, draft inputs/ reply are given below :-

S.No.	Question	Reply
(a)	The total number of children currently living in child care homes across the Country and the number of children that are legally free for adoption;	The total number of children currently living in Child Care Homes are not available with CARA. However, number of children living in Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs) are 7107 and 2118 children are legally free for adoption which also include children from other Child Care Institutions.
(b)	Whether the Government has undertaken any review of these child care home so that the process of adoption could be expedited and if so, the details thereof and if not, by when it is likely to be done; and	State Governments which also include UT administrations are required to review the functioning of the Child Care Institutions on regular basis. During 2022-23, CARA has conducted 41 state-level and national level training/ capacity building programmes and completed 33 visits/ inspections and several awareness activities.
(c)	The steps taken by the Government to improve the infrastructure in child care homes?	Ministry may respond.

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

Yours faithfully,

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Sub : Information/inputs for Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. – U3693, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 09/08/2023 – regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to MWCD's Emails (Child Welfare Section II) dated 31/07/2023 regarding Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. – U3693, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 09/08/2023. In this regard, draft inputs/ reply are given below :-

S.No.	Question	Reply
(a)	Whether it is fact that incidents of families returning children to state adoption agencies have an unusual spike in the past year;	No
(b)	If so, the Union Government taken any steps to resolve it.	NA

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 Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. – S1233, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 06/12/2023 – regarding.

Madam,

This has reference to MWCD's Email (Secretary's Office) dated 22/11/2023 and Letters/OM No. - 15/01/2023-PU dated 22/11/2023 of Parliament Unit, MWCD, downloaded from Notice Board of e-Office of MWCD regarding Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. – S1233, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 06/12/2023 related to "Families returning children to State Adoption Agencies". In this regard, draft inputs/ reply are given below :-

S.No.	Question	Reply
(a)	Whether it is fact that incidents of families returning children to state adoption agencies have an unusual spike in the past year;	No.
(b)	If so, the Union Government taken any steps to resolve it.	Question does not arise.

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

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Sub : Information/inputs for Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. – S3200, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 13/12/2023 – regarding.

Madam,

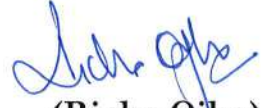
This has reference to MWCD's Email (Secretary's Office) dated 29/11/2023 regarding Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. – S3200, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 13/12/2023 related to "Adoption Process in India". In this regard, draft inputs/ reply are given below :-

S.No.	Question	Reply
(a)	Whether it is a fact that the adoption process in India is time-consuming;	Adoption of orphan, abandoned, and surrendered children under the age of six who are healthy takes very little time because an automatic referral mechanism is in place and the child gets adopted as soon as the child is legally free for adoption. Prospective Adoptive Parents, on the other hand, have to wait because the availability of such children is limited in contrast to a large number of waiting parents.
(b)	What is the average time period parents have to wait for adopting children in India;	It depends on several factors, i.e. choice of age group of the child, gender, and state, etc. It takes about three years to adopt a healthy child below four years.
(c)	Whether the central government intends to accept the honorable Supreme Court's suggestion of creating adoption centre in every district;	The States/UTs have been asked to comply with the directions issued by the Honorable Supreme Court of India for creating adoption centre in every district.

(d)	The details of all steps taken to simplify adoption process in India?	CARINGS, an online adoption platform, has been simplified even further. CARA has been actively promoting adoption-related issues through various training and development initiatives, as well as public awareness campaigns on adoption of Orphan, Abandoned and Surrendered (OAS) children, relative/step adoption, foster care leading to adoption, and so on.
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Sub : Information/inputs for Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 106 (Dy. No. - S2805 and S3120) raised by Sh. Ram Nath Thakur, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 13/12/2023 – regarding.

Madam,

This has reference to MWCD's Emails (Administration Section) dated 05/12/2023 & 06/12/2023 and Office Memorandum No. – ADMN-42/7/2023-ADMIN dated 07/12/2023 issued by Sh. Kishore Srivastava, Deputy Secretary, MWCD regarding Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 106 (Dy. No. - S2805 and S3120) raised by Sh. Ram Nath Thakur, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 13/12/2023 related to "Vacancies in the Ministry". In this regard, draft inputs/ reply are given below :-

(a) The Details of vacancies in Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) and it's subordinate organizations, as on 1st December 2023, separately;

Reply :

(i) Group-wise details

S.No.	Name of the Ministry & its associate/ attached offices	Vacancies		
		Group A	Group B	Group C
1.	National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD)			
2.	Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA)	11	03	03
3.	National Commission for Women (NCW)			
4.	National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)			

(ii) Category-wise details



S.No.	Name of the Ministry & its associate/ attached offices	Vacancies					
		UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	PH
1.	NIPCCD						
2.	CARA	17					
3.	NCW						
4.	NCPCR						

(b) The Details of vacancies filled up in the Ministry of WCD and subordinate organizations since 1st January, 2023 till date, organization- wise;

Reply :

(i) Group-wise details

S.No.	Name of the Ministry & its associate/ attached offices	Vacancies		
		Group A	Group B	Group C
1.	National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD)			
2.	Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA)	05 (on deputatio n)	01 (on deputatio n)	-
3.	National Commission for Women (NCW)			
4.	National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)			

(ii) Category-wise details

S.No.	Name of the Ministry & its associate/ attached offices	Vacancies					
		UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	PH
1.	NIPCCD						
2.	CARA	06 (on deputatio n)					
3.	NCW						
4.	NCPCR						

(c) The Details of vacancies of SC, ST and OBC in Ministry of WCD and its subordinate organizations, organization-wise;

Reply :

(i) Group-wise details

S.No.	Name of the Ministry & its associate/ attached offices	Vacancies		
		Group A	Group B	Group C
1.	National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD)			
2.	Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA)	11	03	03
3.	National Commission for Women (NCW)			
4.	National Commission for Protection of			

	Child Rights (NCPCR)			
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(ii) Category-wise details

S.No.	Name of the Ministry & its associate/ attached offices	Vacancies					
		UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	PH
1.	NIPCCD						
2.	CARA	17					
3.	NCW						
4.	NCPCR						

(d) The details of vacancies of SC, ST and OBC filled up in the Ministry of WCD and its subordinate organizations since 1st January 2023 till date, organization-wise and category-wise?

Reply :

(i) Group-wise details

S.No.	Name of the Ministry & its associate/ attached offices	Vacancies		
		Group A	Group B	Group C
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(ii) Category-wise details

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		UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	PH
1.	NIPCCD						
2.	CARA	06 (on deputatio n)					
3.	NCW						
4.	NCPCR						

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ADMITTED VERSION OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 106 (DY. NO. - S2805
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NOTE FOR SUPPLEMENTARIES

1. Introduction

Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) was set up in June 1990 by the Ministry of Welfare, Government of India to regulate, monitor and promote adoption of orphan, abandoned or surrendered children, with the principal mandate of finding loving families for Children in Need of Care and Protection. Pursuant to a decision of the Union Cabinet dated 2nd July 1998, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment conferred autonomous status to CARA on 18th March 1999 by registering it as a Society under the Societies Registration Act 1860. Adoption under the JJ Act 2000 enabled placement of children in adoption with involvement of recognized agencies and authorities for ensuring safeguards in adoption placement of institutionalized children.

Through Section 68 of the JJ Act 2015 notified by the Government of India on January 15, 2016, CARA attained the status of a Statutory Body with the mandate to promote In-country adoptions; facilitate inter-state adoptions; frame regulations on adoption related matters and regulate Inter-country adoption as Central Authority under the Hague Convention for inter-country adoption through Child Adoption Resource Information & Guidance System (CARINGS). CARA aspires to place maximum children in non-institutional care with adoptive families. CARA was designated as Central Authority under the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in respect of Inter-country Adoptions (1993) in 2003. Central Adoption Resource Authority is headed by Member Secretary & CEO and has a sanctioned strength of 37 officers and staff.

Under Section 68 of the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act 2015 (amended in 2021), CARA has been mandated to perform the following functions :-

- (a) To promote in-country adoptions and to facilitate inter-State adoptions in coordination with State Agencies;
- (b) To regulate inter-country adoptions;
- (c) To frame regulations on adoption and related matters from time to time, as may be necessary;
- (d) To carry out the functions of the Central Authority under the Hague Convention on Protection of Children & Cooperation in respect of inter-country adoption;
- (e) Other functions as provided under Regulations 41 of the Adoption Regulations 2022.

CARA functions with the help of various associated agencies and authorities in the country, i.e. Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs), Authorised Foreign Adoption Agencies (AFAAs), Central Authorities (CAs), District Child Protection Units (DCPUs), State Adoption Resource Agencies (SARAs), Chief Medical Officers (CMOs) and District Magistrates (DMs), etc.



The Details of vacancies and filled up of positions for the last five years are as under :-

(i) Details of Vacancies

Year	Group-A	Group-B (Gazetted)	Group-B (Non-Gazetted)	Group-C	Total
2018-2019	16*	Not applicable	02	Nil	18
2019-2020	11	Not applicable	02	Nil	13
2020-2021	11	Not applicable	03	01	15
2021-2022	12	Not applicable	03	01	16
2022-2023	08	Not applicable	04	03	15
2023-2024 (from 01/04/2023 to 01/12/2023)	11	Not applicable	03	03	17

* Including 14 newly created posts vide ID No.870590/2018/E.Coord.I dated 08/11/2018 of Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.

(ii) Details of Recruitment Made

Year	Group - A	Group - B (Gazetted)	Group - B (Non-Gazetted)	Group - C	Total
2018-2019	02	Not applicable	Nil	Nil	02
2019-2020	05	Not applicable	02	Nil	07
2020-2021	02	Not applicable	--	Nil	02
2021-2022	02	Not applicable	--	Nil	02
2022-2023	06	Not applicable	--	Nil	06
2023-2024 (from 01/04/2023 to 01/12/2023)	03	Not applicable	01	Nil	04

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Prabhat Ji,

Please find attached herewith CARA's Inputs for RS Adm Ver of US PQ No. – 1265 raised by Dr. Kanimozh NVN Somu, Hon'ble MP, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 13-12-2023, for your further necessary action.

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To,

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Sub : Information/inputs for Rajya Sabha Admitted Version of Un-starred Question No. – 1265 raised by Dr. Kanimozh NVN Somu, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 13/12/2023 – regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to MWCD's Email (CW-II Section) dated 08/12/2023 regarding Rajya Sabha Admitted Version of Un-starred Question No. – 1265 raised by Dr. Kanimozh NVN Somu, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 13/12/2023 related to "Child Adoption Policy". In this regard, draft inputs/ reply are given below :-

S.No.	Question	Reply									
(a)	The number of children adopted by Indians and Foreigners during each of the last three years and the current year;	Details of number of children adopted by the Indians and Foreigners during each of the last three years and current year (upto December 10, 2023) are as under :- <table border="1" data-bbox="821 1736 1412 2016"><thead><tr><th>Year</th><th>In-country Adoption</th><th>Inter-country Adoption</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>2020-2021 (April, 2020 to March, 2021)</td><td>3142</td><td>417*</td></tr><tr><td>2021-2022</td><td>2991</td><td>414*</td></tr></tbody></table>	Year	In-country Adoption	Inter-country Adoption	2020-2021 (April, 2020 to March, 2021)	3142	417*	2021-2022	2991	414*
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		2022-2023 (April, 2022 to March, 2023)	3010	431*
		2023-2024 (April, 2023 to December 10, 2023)	2248	224*
		* Data of Foreigners + OCI PAPs		
		Source : CARINGS		
(b)	Whether child adoption has increased during the said period, if so the details thereof;	No.		
(c)	Whether Government has received complaints regarding complicated formalities involved in the adoption procedure. If so, the details thereof; and	There is no record of any formal complaints in the matter. However, the entire procedure is regulated through CARINGS, which is an online platform designed to bring transparency in the adoption system and also curtailing delays at various levels.		
(d)	The action taken by Government to simplify child adoption procedure in the country?	The adoption process under the JJ Act of 2015 has been made simpler with the notification of the Adoption Regulations 2022, and the online system is periodically updated. There are delays because there are more potential adoptive parents waiting to adopt a normal young child.		

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 Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. - U3103, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 20/12/2023 – regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to MWCD's Letter/OM No. - 15/01/2023-PU dated 09/12/2023 of the Parliament Unit, MWCD, downloaded from Notice Board of e-Office of MWCD and MWCD's Email (Child Welfare - II Section) dated 12/12/2023 regarding Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. - U3103, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 20/12/2023 related to "Data on Orphan Children". In this regard, draft inputs/ reply are given below :-

S.No.	Question	Reply
(a)	Does the Centre collate data on numbers of orphan children in India?	Yes.
(b)	If yes what are the State-wise numbers of orphan children?	State/UT-wise number of orphan children (as on 15/12/2023) are placed at Annexure-A .
(c)	What is the estimated expenditure on the welfare of orphan children and under what schemes?	Ministry may respond.



(d)	Why are there so many delays in approving the adoption of orphan children?	Only those children, who have been declared legally free for adoption by Child Welfare Committees (CWCs), can be given in adoption. The number of legally free orphan children available for adoption is quite less in comparison to the number of waiting parents to adopt.
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Encl. : As above.

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State/UT-wise number of orphan children

Sno	STATE	Orphan
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	75
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0
4	Assam	3
5	Bihar	31
6	Chandigarh	4
7	Chhattisgarh	39
8	Delhi	30
9	Goa	3
10	Gujarat	11
11	Haryana	24
12	Himachal Pradesh	3
13	Jammu and Kashmir	0
14	Jharkhand	15
15	Karnataka	9
16	Kerala	2
17	Madhya Pradesh	124
18	Maharashtra	144
19	Manipur	10
20	Meghalaya	0
21	Mizoram	3
22	Nagaland	0
23	ODISHA	42
24	PUDUCHERRY	0
25	Punjab	16
26	Rajasthan	11
27	Sikkim	0
28	Tamil Nadu	7
29	Telangana	14
30	THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	0
31	Tripura	4
32	Uttar Pradesh	48
33	UTTARAKHAND	11
34	West Bengal	34
	Total	717

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Sub : Information/inputs for Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. - S4781, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 20/12/2023 – regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to MWCD's Letter/OM No. - 15/01/2023-PU dated 09/12/2023 of Parliament Unit, MWCD, downloaded from Notice Board of e-Office of MWCD regarding Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Un-starred Question Dy. No. - S4781, for answer by the Hon'ble Minister (MWCD) on 20/12/2023 related to "Adoption in India". In this regard, draft inputs/ reply are given below:-

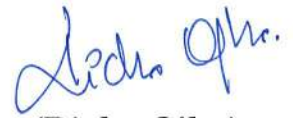
S.No.	Question	Reply														
(a)	Whether the Government has any data regarding the number of children adopted by 'prospective parents' in the country during the last 5 years? If so, the details thereon.	Yes, A total number of 15868 children adopted by 'prospective parents' in the country during the last five years. State/UT-wise details of In-country Adoptions during the last five years are as under :- <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"><thead><tr><th>Year</th><th>In-country Adoptions</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>2018-2019</td><td>3374</td></tr><tr><td>2019-2020</td><td>3351</td></tr><tr><td>2020-2021</td><td>3142</td></tr><tr><td>2021-2022</td><td>2991</td></tr><tr><td>2022-2023</td><td>3010</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>15868</td></tr></tbody></table>	Year	In-country Adoptions	2018-2019	3374	2019-2020	3351	2020-2021	3142	2021-2022	2991	2022-2023	3010	Total	15868
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(b)	How does the Government define 'prospective parents'?	As per Section 2(49) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (Amended in 2021), 'Prospective Adoptive Parents' means a person or persons eligible to adopt a child as per the provisions of Section 57.
(c)	Whether the Government reviews the status of adopted children after adoption? If so, the details thereon.	Yes. As per Regulation 14 of the Adoption Regulations, 2022, there is a provision of post-adoption follow up report on six monthly basis for two years.
(d)	How long does it take in India to adopt a child after an 'adoption request' is being given? Whether the Government has any plans to speed up the adoption process in the country?	For adopting a normal child below five years, it takes about three years while for adopting an older child in the category of immediate placement or a special need child, there is no waiting period. Government has already simplified adoption procedure through notification of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (Amended in 2021) and the Adoption Regulations, 2022.

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

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