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To,

The Under Secretary (CW-II)
 Ministry of Women & Child Development,
 Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

Sub: Information/ inputs for Lok Sabha Admitted version of Un-starred Question No. - 1085 raised by Smt. Riti Pathak & 02 Others, Hon'ble MPs for 08/02/2019 – regarding.

Sir/Madam,

This has reference to MWCD's email dated 04/02/2019 received in CARA regarding information/ inputs for Lok Sabha Admitted version of Un-starred Question No. - 1085 raised by Smt. Riti Pathak, Sh. Devajibhai G. Fatepara, Sh. Jugal Kishore, Hon'ble MPs for 08/02/2019 related to "Child Adoption". In this regard, draft inputs/ reply are given below:

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(b)	Whether the child adoption has declined during the said period.	Adoptions of children under the JJ Act, 2015 has increased on year by year basis from 2015-16 till 2017-18. Since the current year 2018-19 pertains to the period from 1st April, 2018 to 31st March, 2019, increase or decrease over the previous year cannot be inferred at this juncture.
(c)	If so, the reasons therefor;	Does not arise.
(d)	Whether the Government has received complaints regarding complicated formalities involved in the adoption procedure, if so, the details thereof; and	The Government has received complaints relating to delays/difficulties in implementation of certain provisions of the JJ Act, 2015 and Adoption Regulations, 2017. These include problems in medical examination reports of children in Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs) and Child Care Institutions (CCIs), difficulties/delays in obtaining adoption orders from Family/District Courts, and difficulties/delays in obtaining birth certificates and passports etc.
(e)	The action taken by the Government to simplify child adoption procedure in the country?	The Ministry has introduced the JJ Amendment Bill, 2018 in Lok Sabha on 6 th August, 2018 to amend provisions of the JJ Act, 2015 to replace "court" with "District Magistrate" under Sections 56(5), 58(3), 58(4), 59(7), 59(8), 60(1), 61(2), (63), (64) and 65(4) of the JJ Act, 2015.

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

Yours faithfully,


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