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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. - 20 raised by Sh. Om Birla, Hon'ble MP for 21/06/2019 - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

This has reference to MWCD's email dated 17/06/2019 regarding information/ inputs for Lok Sabha question raised by Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Member of Parliament admitted as un- starred question No. 20 for 21/06/2019. Similar questions were admitted as un- starred question No. 1102 for 08th Feb, 2019. Draft inputs/ reply to the questions related to Specialised Adoption Agencies are as under:-

S.No.	Question	Reply												
(a)	The total number of the Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs) established under the Juvenile Justice Act in the country since 2016 year-wise, State-wise;	Responsibility of establishing Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs) is that of the State Adoption Resource Agencies of the respective States & UTs as per Section 41 of the JJ Act, 2015 and Regulation 33 (2) of the Adoption Regulations, 2017. A total of 390 Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs) were registered with CARA as on 31 st March, 2016. State wise figures are at Annexure-I (as per Annual Report of CARA for the year 2015-16). As on 17 th June, 2019, 488 SAAs are presently registered on Child Adoption Resource Information & Guidance System (CARINGS). State wise figures of SAAs as on 17.06.2019 is placed at Annexure-II												
(b)	The total number of children enrolled and given in adoption under the SAAs since 2016, year and State-wise;	(i) Total number of children enrolled for adoption since 2016 are 17437. Annual figures are as under (State wise figures are at Annexure III) <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Number</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2016-2017</td> <td>5490</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2017-2018</td> <td>5945</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018-2019</td> <td>6002</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>17437</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: right;">Source CARINGS</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Number	2016-2017	5490	2017-2018	5945	2018-2019	6002	Total	17437	Source CARINGS	
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(ii) Total number of children placed in adoption since 2016 are 11742. Annual figures are as under: (State wise figures are at **Annexure-IV**)

Year	In-country	Inter-country	Total
2016-2017	3210	578	3788
2017-2018	3276	651	3927
2018-2019	3374	653	4027
Total			11742
Source CARINGS			

(c) The number of children who have died in SAAs since 2016, year and State-wise;

The total number of deaths of children from SAAs reported are 757. Annual figures are as under: (state wise figures are at **Annexure-V**)

Year	Number
2016-017	276
2017-2018	292
2018-2019	189
Total	757
Source CARINGS	

(d) The number of children whose records are not available with the SAAs, year and State-wise; and

CARA has records of all children whose details are entered on CARINGS. The details of children are entered by the SAAs and responsibility of ensuring the same is of the District Child Protection Units under the respective State Governments/UTs (Regulations 29(1), 33(2) and 34 of the Adoption Regulations, 2017 refers).

(e) Whether the Ministry or Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) has inspected all the SAAs which have a complaint against them and if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

As per Section 65 (3) of the Juvenile Justice(Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (JJ Act, 2015), the responsibility of inspecting a SAA at least once in a year and taking remedial measures, in case required, is of the State Government concerned. Further, the Child Welfare Committees are responsible for conducting at least two inspections visits per month of residential facilities for children in need of care and protection and recommend action for improvement in quality of services to the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) and the State Government (Section 30 (viii) of the JJ Act, 2015 refers). Conduct of inspections by the State Governments have been

further detailed in Rule 41 of the Model JJ Rules, 2016. Hence, in case of complaints, CARA directs the State Government for inspection/ investigation after which appropriate remedial action is taken by the registering authority i.e. the State Government. However, during the year 2018-2019, 91 adoption agencies have been inspected/ visited by CARA and MWCD officials across the country for monitoring their functioning, apart from the inspection at the State level mandated under JJ Act, 2015, JJ Model Rules, 2016 and Adoption Regulations, 2017 (Annexure-VI)

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

Yours faithfully,


18/11/19
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