

**V.I/401/2/3//2010**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of External Affairs**  
**CPV Division**  
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**Subject : Liberalization of issuance of Passport to inter-country adopted children.**

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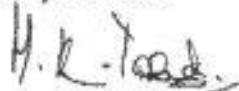
India is a Party to the Hague Convention on 'Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Inter-country Adoption (1993)'. To meet the objectives of the Convention, the Ministry of External Affairs has been taking several measures to streamline, simplify and facilitate issuance of Passport to an adopted child under the Inter-country Adoption; namely:

- (a) Implementation of exclusive provisions issued by the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) for expeditious issue of Passports to inter-country adopted children (vide Circular no. VI/401/2/3/2008 dated 13.10.2008);
- (b) Waiver of Police Verification for inter-country adopted children;
- (c) Waiver of requirement for seeking appointment for submission of Passport application in PSK and accepting application in walk-in mode;
- (d) Expeditious issue of Passports to such children (vide Circular no. VI/401/2/3/2010 dated 16.05.2013); and
- (e) Waiver of original NOC of CARA (vide Circular no. VI/401/2/3/2010 dated 08.01.2015).

2. The Ministry of Women and Child Development has brought to this Ministry's attention that in spite of the above measures, some abandoned and orphan inter-country adopted children are facing difficulties in obtaining Birth Certificate which is a mandatory requirement for obtaining Passport.

3. The matter has been examined in this Ministry and to mitigate the problems faced by such children, it has been decided that for the issuance of Passports to abandoned, orphan inter-country children, Passport Issuing Authorities (PIAs) may accept any of the following as proof of birth:

- (a) Copy of Birth Certificate; or
- (b) Date of birth as recorded in the Court Order which should be accompanied by a Copy of NOC of CARA bearing date of birth of the adopted child.

  
 (Muktesh K. Pardeshi)  
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**All PIAs in India and abroad**

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