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Dear

As you are aware, Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India. It functions as the nodal body for adoption of Indian children and is mandated to monitor and regulate in-country and inter-country adoptions.

2. During last three years, reported adoptions have remained between 4000-5000, while there are more adoptable children available in recognised adoption agencies and child care institutions. It has been felt necessary to increase the pool of adoptable children and further simplify and expedite adoption process. Therefore, there is need to identify adoptable children in various child care institutions (CCIs) and curb illegal/informal adoptions happening outside the authorised process.

3. It is important to establish and monitor the SAA-CCI linkage at the local level to reach each and every child without parental care. The role of District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) constituted under State Child Protection Society is vital in the entire process.

4. It would be appreciated if you kindly issue instructions to all DCPUs to:

- Identify all adoptable (orphan, abandoned and surrendered) children in all CCIs in districts and other child care institutions which are sheltering such children;
- Produce all such adoptable children before CWC and get them declared legally free after following due process;
- Link all CCIs with nearest SAAs for processing adoption procedure and;
- Instruct the SAA to upload the profile of all CWC declared adoptable children in CARINGS to which they are linked.

5. For identification of adoptable children in CCIs, the DCPU can either use Track Child source or visit the CCIs in the district to check physically the presence of such children as all CCIs are not registered in Track Child.

6. You may arrange orientation programme for all DCPUs so that CARA can impart necessary hands-on training to the participants and you can directly contact CARA for more information.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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To:
Principal Secretary/Secretary
of all States /UTs
(dealing with child adoption issues)