

Central Adoption Resource Authority
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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. - 173 raised by Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi, Hon'ble MPs 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 Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament admitted as un-starred question No. - 173 for 21/06/2019. Similar questions were admitted as un-starred question No. -1085 for 08 Feb, 2019. Draft inputs/ reply to the questions related to "Child Adoption" are as under :-

S.No.	Question	Reply			
(a)	Whether the Government has taken note of the declining adoptions rates in the country.	Adoptions of children under the JJ Act, 2015 has increased on year by year basis since the last four years and the details of the same areas under: -			
		Year	Adoption by Indian Citizen	Adoption by Foreign Citizen	Total
		2015-2016 (April, 2015 to March, 2016)	3124	553	3677
		2016-2017 (April, 2016 to March, 2017)	3210	578	3788
		2017-2018 (April, 2017 to March, 2018)	3276	651	3927
		2018-2019 (April, 2018 to March, 2019)	3374	653	4027

Source : CARINGS

(b)	If so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and	Does not arise.
(c)	The steps being taken to make the adoption procedure more transparent and accessible?	Adoption Regulations, 2017 have been notified by Central Adoption Resource Authority under the provision of the Juvenile Justice Care & Protection Act, 2015 (JJ Act, 2015). The entire adoption procedure has been made on-line through the Child Adoption Resource Information and Guideline System which has made the system fully transparent and accessible. Further to simplify the process, the Ministry had submitted 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. However the same couldn't be introduced and the proposal is being worked out for introducing the same in the Parliament.

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

Yours faithfully,


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