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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. - 3360 raised by Sh. Rahul Ramesh Shewale and Sh. Bhartruhari Mahtab, Hon'ble Members of Parliament for 12/07/2019 – regarding.

Sir/Madam,

This has reference to MWCD's email dated 08/07/2019 regarding information/inputs for Un-starred Question No. – 3360 related to “average time for adoption process”, by Sh. Rahul Ramesh Shewale and Sh. Bhartruhari Mahtab, Hon'ble Members of Parliament, admitted in Lok Sabha for 12/07/2019. In this regard, draft inputs/reply to the questions are as under:-

S.No.	Question	Reply
(a)	Whether the Government has conducted any study/assessment to ascertain the average time taken to process adoption application by childless couple in the country. If so, the details and outcome thereof, if not, the reasons therefor.	As per the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and the Adoption Regulations, 2017, the timelines for processing of the adoption cases by various authorities & agencies have been stipulated at Schedule XIV of the Adoption Regulations, 2017. Maximum time is for the waiting period after registration in case of Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs) wanting to adopt a normal child under six years of age due to lesser number of such children who are legally free for adoption, as can be observed from the Child Adoption Resource Information & Guidance System (CARINGS).
(b)	The number of complaints of corruption against Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs) received by the Government during each of the last three years and current year State/UT-wise and SAA-wise.	The Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs) who are found to be not complying with the Adoption Regulations, 2017 are being issued show cause notices, as per Regulation 25(3) of Adoption Regulations, 2017. In case the violations by the SAA are established, they are either fined or

		their recognition is suspended/revoked, as per the provision of Section 65(4) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Regulation 25 of the Adoption Regulations, 2017. Details are placed at Annexure-I .
(c)	The detail of deaths of children reported in SAA across the country during the said period, State/UT-wise and SAA-wise. and	As per the Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System (CARINGS), 776 children have been reported to have died in the Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs) during the period from 2016-2017 to 2019-2020 (upto 08/07/2019). The State/UT & Year-wise and SAA & Year-wise figures of children deceased, per CARINGS data, are placed at Annexure-II & Annexure-III respectively.
(d)	The steps taken/ being taken by the Government to simplify the procedure to provide a definite time period for adoption process by the childless couple in the country along with achievements thereof?	The Adoption Regulations, 2017 have been notified by the Central Adoption Resource Authority under the provision of the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) 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.

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

Yours faithfully,


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Encl. : As above.