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Integrated Child Protection Scheme
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Sub: Addressing the issue of increasing children in SAAs.

Ref: 1) Daily Reports to Government of India regarding COVID situation
2) Adoption Regulations, 2017
3) CARA Communication letter No.F.No. LP03/20/2016/CARA Dated:23.03.2017

As per above ref(1) it is learnt that the no. of children in 31 SAAs at the end March 2020 is 324 and as on 24.06.2020 the same is at 396

Because of COVID-19 lock-down and consequent stoppage of adoption process by CARA and simultaneously more surrendering/ abandoning of babies happening owing to loss of income to many parents due to COVID Lock-down there is huge surge of children in the SAAs across the State.

However as per Integrated Child Protection Scheme Guidelines each SAA is sanctioned only with the capacity of 10 children & 6 Aayaas to look after them. But now it is clear that many SAAs are taking care of more than 10 children.

Accordingly it becomes necessary to provide for more Aayaa services on par with the existing number of children in the SAAs. Adoption Regulations 2017 Schedule XIII(1)(c)(i) "staff" reads as follows:

"The agency must have adequate staff for child care, preferably in the ratio of 4:1 for children below 1 year, 5:1 for children in the age group 1 to 3 years and 8:1 for older children".

(Comparing the above with the regular sanction of 6 Aayaas for 10 children it can be understood that the above ratios apply for only one shift(8 hours) of the 24 hours. Hence Aayaas services can be taken accordingly)

It is here by intimated that the SAAs can take the services of Aayaas in addition to the existing 6 Aayaas as per the number of additional children over and above the sanctioned capacity of 10 children following the above ratio mentioned in the Adoption Regulation, 2017 Schedule XIII(1)(c)(i) with the necessary permission from the appropriate authority, i.e., Deputy Commissioner and Chair person, District Child Protection Unit in this regard.

The services of Aayaas that can be taken in addition to the existing 6 Aayaas is purely on a temporary basis depending on the number of children over and above the sanctioned capacity of 10 children and when that additional number of children is eligible to take additional Aayaas services as per Adoption Regulation ,2017 Schedule XIII(1)(c)(i) and once the children go on adoption and their number reduces then these additional Aayaas services have to be ceased/stopped accordingly and immediately.

Further to meet the expenses of Aayaas salaries taken over and above sanctioned number of 6 Aayaas and also to meet the expenses of children staying over and above sanctioned strength of 10 children finances can be approved by the appropriate authority, i.e., Deputy Commissioner and Chair person, District Child Protection Unit from the CCC fund available with the SAAs as per CARA communication No. F.No.LP03/20/2016/CARA dated:23.03.2017

“The Steering Committee of Central Adoption Resource Authority(CARA) in exercise of powers conferred under Section 69 (3) (c) of JJ Act, 2015 has adopted the Adoption Regulations, 2017. Now in accordance to Regulation 46(1) & (2) of Adoption Regulations 2017 and in terms of Section 61(c) of the JJ Act, 2015, the Central Adoption Resource Authority hereby notifies that the Adoption fee as prescribed under Scheduled 13 of the Guidelines Governing Adoption of Children, 2015 shall continue to remain in force w.e.f.16.01.2017 till further orders”.

Scheduled 13 of the Guidelines Governing Adoption of Children, 2015 states as follows:

“ 4. Utilisation of CCC by SAA

- a) The adoption agencies shall utilize the amounts available in the Child Care Corpus only for welfare of the children in the home and maintenance of the home. The amount shall also cover all expenses incurred to finalize the adoption”.

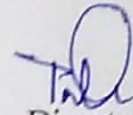
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It is also instructed that the salary of the Aayaas who are taken above existing 6 Aayaas and the per child expenses above the sanctioned 10 children shall be as per the unit cost fixed by the Integrated Child Protection Scheme Guidelines(Annexure IX Table 1.1 Sr.No.5 and Table 1.2(B)Sr.No.5

Also Government of India communication File No.14-1/2006-CW-II Dated:15.02.2018 states that "the cabinet has approved 8% increase on the maintenance charges per child per month availing services in the Child Care Institutions". Accordingly the same shall also be considered while calculating the per child expenditure.

All COVID-19 precautions shall be taken with regard to these additional Aayaas in consultation with the District Health Officer/District Health Officials and then only their services can be availed in the SAAs. Also for children who are being admitted newly to the SAAs too all COVID-19 precautions shall be followed.

*(Approved by the ACS, WCD
and
Chair person, Governing Body,SARA)*


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To:
All The District Child Protection Officers
All The SAAs