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Dated: 13th January, 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

In exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-section 3 of Section 2 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, the Government has notified the Adoption Regulations, 2017 framed by the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) under Section 68 (c) of the said Act. These Regulations will replace the Adoption Guidelines, 2015 w.e.f. 16th January, 2017. A copy of the Adoption Regulations, 2017 is placed in the website of Ministry of Women & Child Development at www.wcd.nic.in and Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) at www.cara.nic.in. The Adoption Regulations, 2017 will come into effect on 16th January, 2017.

2. The Adoption Regulations have been framed keeping in mind the issues and challenges faced by CARA and other stake holders including the Adoption Agencies & Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs). This will further strengthen adoption programme in the country by streamlining the adoption process. Transparency, early deinstitutionalisation of children, informed choice for the parents, ethical practices and strictly defined timelines in the adoption process are the salient aspects of the Adoption Regulations.

3. Some of the salient features of the Adoption Regulations, 2017 are as under:-

- a) Procedures related to adoption by relatives both within the country and abroad have been defined in the Regulations.
- b) Validity of Home Study Report has been increased from two to three years.
- c) The time period available to the domestic PAPs for matching and acceptance, after reserving the child referred, has been increased to twenty days from the existing fifteen days.
- d) District Child protection Unit (DCPU) shall maintain a panel of professionally qualified or trained social workers.
- e) There are 32 Schedules annexed to the Regulations including model adoption applications to be filed in the Court and this would considerably address delays prevalent in obtaining the Court order.

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f) CARA shall be facilitating all adoptions under the JJ Act, 2015 through Child Adoption Resource Information & Guidance System (CARINGS) and all kinds of adoptions, including adoptions by relatives shall be reported to CARA which would enable safeguards for all adopted children by maintaining their record and ensuring post adoption follow up.

4. In view of the above, I would request you to organise an orientation programme for various stakeholders on new Adoption Regulations in consultation with Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA).

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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To

(i) The Principal Secretary/Secretaries/o Women & Child Development/Social Welfare Department to all States/UTs.

(ii) All Adoption Agencies, Central Authorities.

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Secretary, CARA for further necessary action.