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Dear

Sir/Ma dan

The issue of revision in the Guidelines governing Adoption of Children, 2011 has been under consideration of the Government of India. These Guidelines have been in operation for more than four years, however, there has been slow progress in the number of adoptions in the country, several issues have arisen since the adoption of 2011 Guidelines such as unusual delays in processes, complex application forms, lack of clarity in documents required, restrictive inter-country adoptions and absence of timelines for different stages of adoption.

2. The long list of prospective adoptive parents on one hand and children awaiting adoption in various child care institutions on the other hand is a concern that requires immediate attention. Keeping in view the best interest of children and recognising that a loving family environment is most conducive for the overall well being and growth of the child, the Government has framed new Guidelines governing the Adoption of Children, 2015 by streamlining adoption of children through an online portal CARINGS thereby making the entire process transparent and swift.

3. It has been decided to replace the existing Guidelines with the new more simple and clear Guidelines for adoption of children "Guidelines governing Adoption of Children, 2015". These guidelines will be effective from 01st August, 2015. A copy these guidelines is also placed on the websites of the Ministry of Women and Child Development at www.wcd.nic.in and Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) at cara.nic.in.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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To

- (i) The Principal Secretary/Secretaries, D/o Women & Child Development/Social Welfare Department to all States/UTs.
- (ii) All Adoption Agencies, Central Authorities

Copy to: Secretary, CARA for further necessary action.