

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4436
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2020

CENTRAL ADOPTION RESOURCE AUTHORITY

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SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) for regulating adoption of Indian children, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has launched the Child Adoption Resource Information & Guidance System (CARINGS) to provide web based adoption process, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the CARA is slow to regulate placement agencies, avoid delays and duplication of adoption process and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning of the CARA;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and remedial action taken thereon, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the other steps being taken by the Government to improve the adoption process in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (f) The Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) has been constituted as a Statutory body under Section 68 of the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act (JJ Act), 2015 to promote in-country adoptions and to carry the functions of the Central Authority under the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in respect of Inter-country Adoption. The Child Adoption Resource Information & Guidance System (CARINGS) is a web based application that provides transparent and fully automated system for management of the database of the orphaned, abandoned & surrendered children and the Prospective Adoptive Parents registering for adoption of Indian children. It facilitates expeditious and smooth adoption as well as monitoring of the adoption programme, thereby ensuring accountability of implementing agencies.

The Government of India regularly reviews the functioning of CARA in the meeting of the Steering Committee of CARA chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development. Further, to improve the adoption process, CARA regularly organises various Training Programmes in the States & UTs and carries outreach and advocacy related activities, including public awareness campaigns.
