

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UN-STARRED QUESTION NO.577
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2022

ADOPTION OF CHILD

577. SHRI G. M. SIDDESHWAR :

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

- (a) the number of in-country adoptions during the last five years till date, age-wise and gender-wise;
- (b) the number of infants below the age of one year adopted during the said period; and
- (c) the period taken for declaring a child legally free for adoption?

ANSWER

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

(a) State-wise number of in-country adoptions age-wise and gender-wise during last five years period as on 31.01.2022 is at **Annexure-I**.

(b) The number of infants below the age of one year adopted during said period is at **Annexure-II**.

(c) As per Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, which provides that Child Welfare Committee declares the surrendered child as legally free for adoption after the expiry of sixty days from the date of surrender and in case of orphan or abandoned child, within a period of two months from the date of production of the child, for children who are up to two years of age and within four months for children above two years of age.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) OF THE LOK SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 577 FOR 04.02.2022 RAISED BY SHRI G. M. SIDDESHWAR REGARDING ADOPTION OF CHILD

STATE-WISE NUMBER OF IN-COUNTRY ADOPTIONS AGE-WISE AND GENDER-WISE DURING LAST FIVE YEARS PERIOD AS ON 31.01.2022

Age Group	2017-2018			2018-2019			2019-2020			2020-2021			2021-2022 (As on 31.01.2022)		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
0-2 Years	1008	1552	2560	1031	1500	2531	1050	1494	2544	954	1469	2423	757	981	1738
2-4 Years	146	155	301	108	153	261	97	117	214	101	115	216	61	93	154
4-6 Years	70	79	149	87	92	179	88	95	183	58	53	111	37	51	88
6-8 Years	32	30	62	40	47	87	43	39	82	25	29	54	18	20	38
8-10 Years	50	42	92	40	28	68	23	32	55	24	16	40	12	20	32
10-12 Years	10	20	30	27	25	52	22	26	48	20	14	34	7	18	25
12-14 Years	5	6	11	7	18	25	22	9	31	13	14	27	9	15	24
14-18 Years	3	6	9	7	9	16	9	6	15	4	9	13	11	13	24
Total	1324	1890	3214	1347	1872	3219	1354	1818	3172	1199	1719	2918	912	1211	2123

Relative Adoptions	-	-	54	-	-	133	-	-	108	-	-	187	-	-	162
Step Adoptions	-	-	8	-	-	22	-	-	71	-	-	37	-	-	25
Grand Total	-	-	3276	-	-	3374	-	-	3351	-	-	3142	-	-	2310

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B) OF THE LOK SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO.577 FOR 04.02.2022 RAISED BY SHRI G. M. SIDDESHWAR REGARDING ADOPTION OF CHILD

NUMBER OF INFANTS BELOW THE AGE OF ONE YEAR ADOPTED DURING LAST FIVE YEAR PERIOD AS ON 31.01.2022)

Age Group (In Year)	FY	Male	Female	Total
0-1	2017-18	877	1363	2240
	2018-19	910	1327	2237
	2019-20	931	1337	2268
	2020-21	779	1178	1957
	2021-22 (as on 31-Jan-2022)	636	841	1477
