

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1120
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.04.2016

ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

1120. SHRI P. KUMAR:

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

- (a) the number of children adopted in the country during each of the last three years, gender-wise;
- (b) the number of children with disabilities or special needs adopted in both in-country and inter-country adoptions during the same period
- (c) whether the Government maintains information about the age of the children at the time of adoption;
- (d) if so, the age-wise breakdown of adoption statistics during the said period;
- (e) whether the Government has received feedback from adoption agencies and other stakeholders regarding the new adoption guidelines; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

- (a) As per the information provided by Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA), the number of children adopted in the country during each of the last three years, gender-wise is as follows:

Year	No. of Adoptions	
	Male	Female
2013-2014	1631	2293
2014-2015	1688	2300
2015-2016	1156	1855

- (b) The number of children with special needs given in inter-country and in-country adoption during last three years are as under :

Year	Inter-country	In-country
2013-2014	242	Not available with CARA
2014-2015	217	Not available with CARA
2015-2016	298	36 (since August, 2015)

(c) & (d): As reported by CARA the age-wise adoption data is being maintained, w.e.f. August, 2015. Age-wise break-up of adoption statistics from August, 2015 to March, 2016 are as under:

Age Group	Male	Female
00-02 years	574	987
02-04 years	103	179
04-06 years	63	120
06-08 years	35	43
08-10 years	13	29
10-12 years	04	03
12-14 years	02	04
14-18 years	00	01
TOTAL	794	1366

(e) & (f): Yes. The Government has received feedback from adoption agencies and other stakeholders regarding the adoption guidelines. The feedback relates to procedures relating to children for adoption; adoption 2015 procedure for resident Indians, non-resident Indians, Overseas Citizens of India and foreigners; role of concerned authorities and agencies involved in adoption.
