

The Child Adoption

Section 38 - Central Adoption Resource Authority. –

The local registrar notified under the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 (18 of 1969) shall issue birth certificate in favour of an adopted child on an application filed by the specialised adoption agency or adoptive parents, incorporating the names of the adoptive parents as parents and the date of birth of the child as mentioned in the Section 38 - adoption order of the court. The Central Adoption Resource Authority shall function as a nodal body on adoption matters in the country and it shall discharge the following functions, namely: - (1) frame rules and Guidelines for adoption of Indian children; (2) to promote in-country adoptions and to facilitate inter-State adoptions in co-ordination with State Adoption Resource Agencies; (3) monitor and regulate adoption program in the country; (4) issue no objection certificate for inter-country adoption of children; (5) establish uniform standards and indicators, relating to- (i) adoption procedure; (ii) quality child care standards; (iii) monitoring and supervision; (iv) standardisation of documents; (v) safeguards and ethical practices. (6) prepare a centralised database of all children available for adoption, all prospective adoptive parents wishing to adopt and all children placed in adoption with the help of specialised adoption agencies, State Adoption Resource Agencies, District Child Protection Units, Child Welfare Committees and authorised foreign adoption agencies; (7) carry out research and documentation on adoption in order to continuously improve the adoption system; (8) arrange capacity building programmes for adoption agencies and other stakeholders; (9) carry out advocacy, awareness and information, education, and communication activities for promoting adoption and other non-institutional child care services either by itself or through its associated bodies.⁸⁶ THE GAZETTE OF INDIA : EXTRAORDINARY [PART II SEC. 3(ii)] (10) coordinate with State Governments or as the case may be, State Adoption Resource Agencies and advise them in adoption related matters; (11) act as the Central Authority on adoption matters under the Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in respect of Inter Country Adoption, 1993; (12) enter into bilateral agreements with foreign Central Authorities, wherever necessary and as prescribed under the Hague Adoption Convention; (13) authorise foreign adoption agencies to sponsor applications of non-resident Indian or overseas citizen of India or foreign prospective adoptive parents for inter-country adoption of Indian children. (14) maintain Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System (CARINGS) for greater transparency in the Section 39 - adoption system