

The Child Adoption

Section 41 - Indian diplomatic missions in inter-country adoption. - Indian diplomatic missions abroad shall have the following

role in inter-country adoption of Indian children, namely. - (1) liaise with concerned central or public authorities to ensure safeguards of children of Indian origin adopted by non resident Indians, overseas citizen of India or foreign parents against neglect, maltreatment, exploitation or abuse; (2) interact with the authorised foreign adoption agencies and Central Authorities within their jurisdiction and organise or participate in the get-togethers of the adopted children and their parents; (3) recommend proposals for authorisation of foreign adoption agencies for the purpose of sponsoring applications for adoption of Indian children; 3(a) issue visa to foreign prospective adoptive parents who wish to see a child in person at the specialized adoption agency in India, before accepting him for adoption, after their adoption application is approved by Central Adoption Resource Authority, and also for attending the court proceedings as well as for receiving the child thereafter. (4) empanel and authorise social workers to complete adoption application formalities including home study report in a foreign country, where there is no authorised foreign adoption agency or a Government department to deal with adoption; (5) register the adoption applications of non-resident Indians prospective adoptive parents in Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System along with requisite documents as specified in Schedule 5 and upload post-adoption follow-up reports as stipulated in paragraph 20 of the guidelines; (6) the Indian diplomatic mission processing the adoption application, either directly or through the authorised organisation or individual shall send progress report of the child on quarterly basis in the first year and on six monthly basis in the second year, from the date of arrival of the child in the receiving country and also take actions, as stipulated in paragraph 20 of these guidelines, in case of disruption of adoption; (7) contact the Central Authority or other authorities in the receiving countries to ensure safeguards of children of Indian origin adopted by non-resident Indians or overseas citizen of India or foreign parents, in case of disruption of adoption and a report in this regard shall also be sent to Central Adoption Resource Authority at the earliest; (8) render necessary help and facilitate the repatriation of the child, if required, in consultation with the local authorities, concerned adoption agency and Central Adoption Resource Authority; (9) facilitate root search by an adoptee of Indian origin, if contacted; Hkkx II[k.M 3 (ii) Hkkjr dk jkti=k % v\k/kj.k 87 (10) communicate any report or observation, which it may consider as important and relevant in the matter of inter- country adoptions to Central Adoption Resource Authority.