

The Child Adoption

Section 45 - Root search

(1) In cases of root search, the concerned agencies or authorities (authorised foreign adoption agency, Central Authority, Indian diplomatic mission, Central Adoption Resource Authority, State Adoption Resource Agency or District Child Protection Unit or specialised adoption agency), whenever contacted by any adoptee shall facilitate his root search. (2) In order to facilitate root search, the age and maturity of the child shall be taken into consideration. (3) If the biological parents, at the time of surrender of the child, have specifically requested anonymity, then, the consent of the parents should be taken by the specialised adoption agency or Child Welfare Committee, as the case may be. (4) In case of denial by the parents or the parents are not traceable, the reasons and the circumstances under which the surrender took place shall be disclosed to the adoptee. (5) In case of an orphan or abandoned child, information about his adoption, including the source and circumstances in which the child was admitted into the specialized adoption agency, as well as the process followed for his adoption, may be disclosed to the adoptee by the specialized adoption agency or the Child Welfare Committee, as the case may be. (6) A root search by a third party shall not be permitted and the concerned agencies or authorities shall not make public any information relating to biological parents, adoptive parents or adopted child. (7) The right of an adopted child shall not infringe the biological parents right to privacy.