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The Child Adoption

Section 49 - Adoption of children with special needs

1) The adoption process for children with special need shall be completed as expeditiously as possible by the concerned agencies or authorities, who shall be available for adoption by resident Indians and non-resident Indians from the date they are declared legally free for adoption by the Child Welfare Committee: Provided that such children with special need shall be available for adoption by overseas citizen of India or foreign adoptive parents, after fifteen days from the date they are declared legally free for adoption.(2) Special care must be taken while processing the cases for adoption of children with special need, so that the prospective adoptive parents are aware of real medical condition of the child and ready to provide extra care and attention that the child needs.(3) The categories of children with special need can be accessed from www.cara.nic.in which is illustrative and not exhaustive.(4) The children with special need who were not adopted shall be provided with due care and protection by the specialised adoption agency and if they do not have necessary facilities and the means for their long term care, such children shall be shifted to any other specialised institutions run by any Government or non-Government organisation.