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The Child Adoption

Section 50 - Adoption of older children

1) Since it takes time for an older child to adjust with unrelated parents, it is important that the child and the prospective adoptive parents are made familiar to each other, before leaving the institution.(2) Under the guidance of specialised adoption agency or authorised foreign adoption agency, the prospective adoptive parents may have interactions with older children through video calls, even before taking custody and the prospective adoptive parents may be encouraged to spend some quality time with the child before leaving the institution.(3) The older children shall be deemed to 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 and they shall be available for adoption by overseas citizen of India or foreign prospective adoptive parents, after thirty days from the date they are declared legally free for adoption. Note: A child, who has completed five years, shall be considered as an older child.