

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, DISPUR

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

No. SWD.168/09/309,

Dated Dispur, the 16th Sept, 2010

In pursuance of Government of India's Guideline vide D.O. No. 14-1/2006-CW-11 dtd 28.4.09 regarding Integrated Child Protection Scheme and as per MOU signed between the Government of India and State Government on 11th December 2009, the Governor of Assam is pleased to constitute the State Adoption Advisory Committee in the State to act as the Nodal Agency for promoting, implementing, supervising and monitoring the family based non-institutional programmes in the State.

The State Adoption Advisory Committee would comprise of the following members:

Sl. No.	Members	No.	Designation
1.	Commissioner & Secretary /Principal Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, Government of Assam	1	Chairperson
2.	Director, Social Welfare Department, Government of Assam	1	Member Secretary
3.	Representative of State Health Department	1	Member
4.	Representative from CARA on invitation	1	Member
5.	Programme Manager, SARA	1	Member
6.	Chairperson or Representative of Adoption Coordinating Agencies (ACA)	1	Member
7.	Representative of Specialized Adoption Agency (SAA)	1	Member
8.	Representative or an expert in the field of Child Rights & Child Protection	1	Member
9.	Representative of a Law School, a Legal Expert	1	Member
10.	Representative of Association of Adoptive Parents	1	Member
11.	Representative of Child Line	1	Member
12.	State Chief/ Representative of UNICEF, Assam Office	1	Invitee Member

Functions of the State Adoption Advisory Committee (SAAC):

SAAC shall liaison with DCPS/DCPC at District levels and provide technical support to the Child Welfare Committees in carrying out the process of rehabilitation and social reintegration of all children through sponsorship, foster-care, in-country and inter-country adoption.

The specific roles and responsibilities of SAAC shall include:

- (i) Responsible for coordinating, monitoring and developing the adoption programme in the State;
- (ii) Facilitate the setting up of ACAs where they do not exist and recommend to CARA for recognition;
- (iii) Facilitate the setting up of SAAs, provide legal recognition to SAAs and maintain a comprehensive list of such agencies;
- (iv) Ensure that all adoptions/permanent placements of children are done in accordance with the Laws & Guidelines of the Supreme Court of India and Government of India;
- (v) Promote in-country and regulate inter-country adoptions in coordination with CARA;

- (vi) Maintain a centralized (state-specific) web-based database of adoptable children with the help of District Child Protection Societies, District Child Protection Committees and ACAs as a part of the child tracking system;
- (vii) Maintain a centralized (state-specific) web-based database of prospective adoptive parents with the help of District Child Protection Societies, District Child Protection Committees and ACAs;
- (viii) Supervise the work of ACAs and SAAs and ensure coordination between them within State;
- (ix) Ensure that all PAPs are registered at DCPS/ DCPC/ SAA/ ACA/ SARA;
- (x) Provide comprehensive adoption data to CARA on monthly basis;
- (xi) Ensure sensitization of all agencies and allied systems;
- (xii) Enhance capacity of those working in the adoption system;
- (xiii) Take necessary punitive action when malpractices occur in the adoption programme whether by licensed /recognized adoption agencies or by unlicensed individuals or organizations;
- (xiv) Advocacy and awareness for promoting adoptions in the State;
- (xv) Develop and disseminate IEC materials.
- (xvi) Issuing of Clearance Certificate for Inter-Country Adoption on case to case basis.

Sd/-

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Social Welfare Department, Dispur.

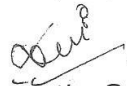
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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi - 110 001.
2. The P.P.S. to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam.
3. The Commissioner of All Divisions, Assam.
4. The P.S. to Minister, Social Welfare, for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Minister.
5. The Staff Officer to Chief Secretary, Assam.
6. The Registrar, Gauhati High Court.
7. The Director, Social Welfare, Assam, Uzan Bazaar, Guwahati - 1.
8. The Chairperson, Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights.
9. All Members of the State Adoption Advisory Committee.
10. The Deputy Director, Assam, Govt. Press, Bamunimaidan, Ghy -21 for favour of publication of the above notification in the Assam Gazette.

By order etc.


Under Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Social Welfare Department, Dispur.

