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ENDORSEMENT

Sub:-Rights and Privileges of legally adopted children at par with that of biological children-regarding.

Ministry of Women & Child Development has issued a D.O. No. CW-II-26/35/2020-CW-II dated 5th August, 2021 regarding above subject. The above mentioned D.O. dated 05.08.2021 is being uploaded on the ICAR website www.icar.org.in and e-office for information and necessary action.

(Jitender Kumar Meena) Under Secretary (GAC), ICAR

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Office of Secy. (DARE) & DG (ICAR) Office Dy. No. 793905

Date 06/8/2021

5th August, 2021

D.O. No. CW-II-26/35/2020-CW-II

Dear Collegue,

I am writing to you in the context of an instance noticed by the Ministry regarding an order issued by one of the Central Ministries revising its old order of extending benefits of medical facilities to children of serving/retired employee from "only one adopted children" to "all legally adopted children".

- I would like to draw your attention towards the fact that legal adoptions in the country are recognized under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act (JJ Act), 2015 and the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act (HAMA), 1956. Both Acts provides that an adopted child becomes the lawful child of the adoptive parents with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities that are attached to a biological child and shall be deemed to be the child of his or her adoptive father or mother for all purposes with effect from the date of such adoption. Thus, it may be appreciated that the rights and privileges of legally adopted children are at par with that of biological children.
- I would, therefore, request you to kindly instruct the concerned officials of your Ministry/ Department to review the legislation/ Schemes/ Programmes of your Ministry / Department to eliminate any discriminatory provisions between biological and legally adopted children.

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Yours Sincerely

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