

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ADOPTION OF CHILDREN BY FOREIGNERS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a): whether a number of children are waiting for international adoptions, many with special needs;
- (b): if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c): the number of children who have been adopted by foreigners during the last three years and the current year so far alongwith the names of adopting countries; and
- (d): the role being played by Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) in the adoption of children?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

- (a) & (b): There are various stages in the process of Inter-country adoption which involve different national and international agencies. The waiting period, including that for special needs children, is therefore, variable.
- (c): Details of number of children placed in adoption with foreigners during the last three years and the current year [upto 30-9-2009] alongwith names of adopting countries are given at Annex.
- (d): The role of Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) is to promote domestic adoption and regulate Inter-country adoption of Indian children.