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Dear Sir,

This is to share my deep concern regarding the abuse and neglect of children living in Child Care Institutions (CCIs) across the country. It has been brought to light that most of such incidences have occurred in CCIs which are not registered under the Juvenile Justice (care & protection of children) Act, 2000 (JJ Act).

2. As you may be aware, Section 34(3) of the JJ Act provides for mandatory registration of all CCIs housing children in need of care & protection with the intent of enforcing minimum standards of care for the services provided to children in the Homes. The JJ Act also provides for mechanisms for stringent monitoring of the quality of services. It is for this reason that the Ministry has been persistently urging the State Governments/ UT Administrations to identify and register all CCIs under the JJ Act. However the progress in this regard is very slow.

3. Further, as you may be aware already, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order dated 7th February, 2013 in Writ Petition (Crl) No. 102 of 2007 in the matter of Exploitation of Children in Juvenile Orphanages in State of Tamil Nadu Vs. Union of India & Ors has directed that all these institutions are required to be registered under the JJ Act.

4. I, therefore request that the State Government may, through public advertisements, invite the attention of all organisations running housing facilities (CCIs) for children in need of care & protection towards their obligation for registration under the JJ Act.

5. Simultaneously, surveys may be conducted at the district level to identify such homes/CCIs that are not registered and the organisation may be urged to register under the Act immediately failing which their earlier registration / recognition / license under any other legislation may be withdrawn and the children be shifted to other residential facilities under the JJ Act.

6. I shall be grateful if this exercise is completed within a period of two months time and information sent to the Ministry accordingly.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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