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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is regarding the amendments to Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 (56 of 2000) (JJ Act), which has been under consideration of this Ministry. Over the last few years, concerns regarding protection of children and implementation issues related to the legislation have arisen, which need to be addressed as a priority through strengthening of existing provisions and introduction of new clauses in the Act. Discussions with States/UTs and Civil Society organisations have brought out various issues in the Act—(a) Increase in reported incidents of abuse of children in institutions, families and communities; (b) Inadequate facilities, quality of care and rehabilitation measures in Homes; (c) Delays in various processes under the Act, such as decisions by Child Welfare Committees (CWCs) and Juvenile Justice Boards (JJBs) leading to high pendency of cases; (d) Delay in adoption process; (e) Inadequate provisions to deal with offences against children; (f) provisions related to juveniles in conflict with law, in the age group of 16 to 18 years etc.

2. It has now been decided to repeal and re-enact the JJ Act, 2000. A draft of the proposed Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Bill, 2014 is placed on the website of the Ministry (www.wcd.nic.in) for your suggestions /comments. You are requested to review the provisions of the proposed Bill and send the comments to this Ministry at e-mail vivek.joshi@nic.in with a copy to ashi.kapoor@nic.in, [jyotimathur21@yahoo.co.in](mailto: jyotimathur21@yahoo.co.in) within 15 days i.e. latest by 03.07.2014. The title of the email must mention the subject as “Comments on Juvenile Justice Bill, 2014”.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Vivek Joshi)

To

All Secretaries of WCD / Social Welfare