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Compulsory Registration – Child Care Institutions Orphanages (Children Homes) under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 as amended in 2006

As per section 34 (3) of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Act, 2006 "all institutions, whether State Government run or those by Voluntary Organizations for children in need of care and protection shall be registered under this Act in such manner as may be prescribed".

2. Children Homes / Orphanages who have already been registered / recognized under Orphanages and Other Charitable (Supervision & Control) Homes Act, 1960 (OCH Act, 1960) or any other Act for the time being in force should also once again be registered under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Act, 2006.

3. All Non-Governmental Organizations who are running Children Homes / Child Care Institutions / Orphanages (0-18 years of age) for children in need of care and protection are to get their organization registered under the Act on or **before 31st October 2010**. This is mandatory under the Amended Juvenile Justice Act 2006.

For registration purpose under the said Act, the District Social Welfare Officers (DSWOs) or District Differently Abled Welfare Officers (DDAWOs) (for differently abled children) or Probation Officer (Social Defence Department) of the respective districts may be contacted to apply in prescribed proforma as per the standards prescribed by the Government of India Juvenile Justice Rules, 2007 under the Act.

It is informed that no Child Care Institution should run without the said registration. If any institution is found running without the registration suitable legal action will be initiated against the said institution.

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