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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

Women Safety Division, 2nd Floor,
Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium
India Gate, New Delhi-110002
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To

1. The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/ Secretary (Home) of all States & UTs

2. The Directors General / Commissioner of Police of all States & UTs

Subject: Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for repatriation of Nepalese Children

Sir/Madam,

Trafficking in persons is a serious crime and a grave violation of human rights. A large number of countries in the world are affected by human trafficking, whether as a country of origin, transit or destination for victims. It is a global phenomenon, which needs a concerted, collective and comprehensive response by all stakeholders.

2. To prevent and counter the menace of human trafficking, the Government of India has been taking various initiatives both at national and international level.

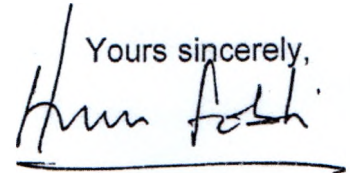
3. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has recently informed the Ministry of Home Affairs that it receives several requests for repatriation of Nepalese nationals from the Directorate of Social Security and Women and Child Development, Government of Punjab. Most of the victims are children and are kept in Children Homes run by the Government of Punjab. MEA has informed that while efforts are made for reintegration of these children with their families, however often there is no set procedure for such cases. There may be similar cases in other States as well. MEA has therefore proposed a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for handling repatriation of such children in custody of State Governments.

4. The SOP which may be put into use for repatriation of Nepalese children is attached.

5. All State Governments and UT Administrations may make use of the attached SOP for repatriation of Nepalese children as suggested by the Ministry of External Affairs.

Encl. as above.

Yours sincerely,



(Arun Sobti)

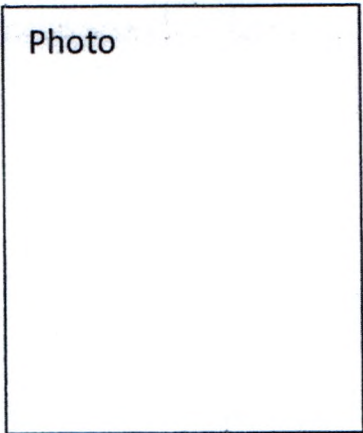
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SOP FOR REPATRIATION OF NEPALESE CHILDREN

- 1. Concerned Department of the State Government should submit complete details of the child, to the extent possible, as in 'Annexure' to Deputy Secretary, Northern Division, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), South Block, New Delhi-110001.**
- 2. Upon receipt of information, Northern Division, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) will take up the matter with the Embassy of Nepal in Delhi requesting for verification of identity of the child and details of the child's family.**
- 3. Upon receipt of confirmation from Embassy of Nepal about the child's identity, Northern Division, MEA will issue a communication to facilitate the handing over of the child to his/her parent/authorized guardian/legal heir.**
- 4. The State Government will hand over the child to the parents/legal heir at the Embassy of Nepal in Delhi in the presence of a representative from the Northern Division, MEA at a mutually agreed date & time. The date and time of such handover will be decided only after the issue of response to the State Government by MEA.**
- 5. Northern Division, MEA will send quarterly report of such repatriations to Women Safety Division, MHA.**

PARTICULARS OF THE CHILD TO BE REPATRIATEDPhoto**Full Name of the child :****Age of the child :****Father's Name :****Mother's Name :****Contact number in Nepal :****Address in Nepal :****Does the Child possess any ID :****If yes, details of the ID :**
(copy of the ID may be attached)