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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS/GRIH MANTRALAYA
NORTH BLOCK, NEW DELHI
CS DIVISION

New Delhi, the 29th October, 2012

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Advisory on missing children -measures needed to prevent trafficking and trace the children - regarding

The issue of missing and untraced children is a matter of deep concern for the Government of India for quite some time. In this context an advisory had been issued on 31/01/2012 had been issued which has enumerated the steps that need to be taken for tracing the missing children.

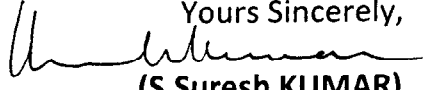
It has been found that the chances of tracing missing children increases significantly if computerized databases computerized search relating to lost and found children are created and maintained by various States/UTs through the Missing Person Bureau under the State Police and the Child Care Institutions (Homes) maintained by the State Women and Children Departments under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) and under the Juvenile Justice Act respectively are linked and converged.

An information technology based application developed by the NIC under the aegis of the Ministry of Women and Child called 'Track CHILD' is available at www.trackthemissingchild.gov.in has been piloted in W Bengal by the CID since 2008 and has seen a dramatic rise in obtaining matches and tracing out missing children from negligible to 29.2% when more police stations and child care institutions joined the network due to the virtuous cycle setup and the synergy obtained from the two data streams. Hence the participation of the Police is a very critical starting point for the creation of the database. There is also a need to enhance the scope and sweep of the database to cover the entire country through a common national platform for the creation and access to missing and recovered children database. The Ministry has hence requested States/UTs using the missing children module of the ZIPNET (Zonal Integrated Police Network) an initiative against crime and criminals by the Delhi Police to shift to the 'Track CHILD' and remaining States to adopt the 'Track CHILD' application expeditiously.

Currently, 14 States/UTs i.e. Gujarat, Chandigarh, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, W Bengal, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Tamil Nadu have taken the initiative and training has been imparted to police personnel in the use of the Track CHILD software application. However, there is a need for all States/UTs to come on to this common national platform and obtain the synergy that is possible as well as ensure that all the reporting units/missing person bureaux in the State/UT create and maintain the database on the Track CHILD.

States which have not yet undertaken the training on the Track CHILD are requested to immediately contact the State NIC representative. States which have already launched the Track CHILD are requested to closely monitor the progress of data entry and ensure that infrastructural issues are resolved to ensure that the missing person bureaux/reporting units do not face any hurdles in the implementation of the Track CHILD application. All States/UTs are requested to accelerate the implementation of the project so that the 'Go-Live' countrywide can be achieved by the 31st January 2013.

The receipt of the Advisory may be acknowledged.

Yours Sincerely,

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