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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
CHIEF SECRETARIAT (WELFARE)

G.O.M.S.No.12/2010-Wel/(SW-10)

Puducherry, the 16.11.2010

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 19 of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 (Central Act No.6 of 2007), read with notification No.S.O.1274 (E) dated 30.05.2008 of Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, the Lieutenant governor Puducherry hereby makes the following rules, namely:-

RULES

1. SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT:-

1. These rules may be called the "Puducherry Prohibition of Child Marriage Rules, 2009".
2. They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official gazette of Government of Puducherry.

2. DEFINITION:-

1. In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires

- (a) "Act" means the prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 (Central Act No.6 of 2007)
- (b) "Complaint" or "Petition" means any allegation made orally or in writing by any person or organization or police to the Child Marriage Prohibition Officer.
- (c) "Form" means Form appended to these rules.
- (d) "Government" means the administrator appointed under article 239 of the Constitution for the Government of Puducherry.
- (e) "Prohibition Officer" means persons appointed by the Government of Puducherry as per Section 16(1) of the act.
- (f) "Police Officer" means an officer not below the rank of a station House Officer in the Police Dept. of the Government of Puducherry.
- (g) "Section" means a section of the Act.
- (h) "Nodal Officer" means an officer designated by the Government of Puducherry to monitor and to co-ordinate with the Child Marriage Prohibition Officers.

2. All other words and expressions used in the rules but not defined here in above, shall have the same meanings as assigned to them in the Act.

3. DUTIES OF CHILD MARRIAGE PROHIBITION OFFICER

1. In appropriate cases, the Child Marriage Prohibition Officer himself/herself can take cognizance of an offence committed under this Act and vested with such powers of Police Officer and shall exercise such powers subject to such conditions and limitation as may be specified in notification by the Government of Puducherry as per Act.
2. In addition to the duties and functions assigned to a Child Marriage Prohibition Officer under clauses (a) to (g) sub-section (3) of section 16 of the Act, it shall be the duty of every Child Marriage Prohibition Officer:-
 - a. to act immediately upon any information of the solemnization of any child marriage that may be received through any mode of communication and initiate all necessary action.
 - b. to file petition before the District Court for issue of orders under section 3,4,5,6 of the Act.
 - c. on receipt of a complaint/information it shall be recorded in Form I and conduct a brief enquiry.
 - d. to furnish quarterly report to the Nodal Officer in Form II.

4. PROCEDURE FOR FILING COMPLAINTS:-

1. A complaint/information to the Child Marriage Prohibition Officer may be lodged by any person in any form such as written, phone, E-mail etc.
2. On receipt of the complaint / information under sub-rule (1) of this rule, the Child Marriage Prohibition Officer shall record it in Form I and conduct a brief enquiry.
3. All Station House Officers shall provide all such assistance to Child Marriage Prohibition Officer in order to carry out the duties under the Act and Rules.

5. DUTIES OF NODAL OFFICERS :-

1. The Nodal Officer shall (be) collect the quarterly report from the Child Marriage Prohibition Officers In Form II and send a consolidated report to the Government.
2. The Nodal Officer shall monitor the function of the Child Marriage Prohibition Officers Periodically.

//BY ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT - GOVERNOR//



(K.CALIAPEROMAL, MA.BL)
UNDER SECRETARIAT TO GOVT. (WELFARE)

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19. Stock file.
20. Spare.

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Form I

[See rule 4(2)(c)]

Child Marriage Information Report

- 1. Name and Address of the Complainant (with Phone No.) :
- 2. Name and Address of the accused (with Phone No.) :
- 3. Particulars of the report :
 - (a) Age and date of birth :
 - (b) Address :
 - (c) Present residence :
 - (d) Occupation :
 - (e) Education :
 - (f) Name and address of parents :
 - (g) Name and address of employer, if any :
 - (h) Another relevant information :
- 4. Short summary of the circumstances of the child marriage :
- 5. Any other information :

Signature of the Child Marriage Prohibition Officer with Date.

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