

Government of Odisha

Department of Women & Child Development

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Date: 04-11-2024

NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 110 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (2 of 2016), the State Government do hereby make the following rules to amend the Odisha Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2018, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) These rules may be called the Odisha (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Rules, 2024.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Odisha Gazette.

2. In the Odisha Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2018 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), for rule 90, the following rules shall be substituted, namely :-

"90. Aftercare of Children Leaving Institutional Care.- (1) The State Government shall prepare a programme for children who have to leave Child Care Institutions on attaining eighteen years of age by providing for their education, giving them employable skills and placement as well as providing them places for stay to facilitate their re-integration into the mainstream of society.

(2) Any child who leaves a Child Care Institution may be provided aftercare till the age of twenty-one years and may be extended till twenty three years of age (in exceptional cases) on the order of the Committee or the Board or the Children's Court, as the case may be, as per Form 37.

(3) The District Child Protection Unit shall prepare and maintain a list of organisations, institutions and individuals interested in providing aftercare as per their area of interest such as education, medical support, nutrition, vocational training etc. and the same shall be forwarded to the Board or the Committee and all Child Care Institutions for their record.

(4) The Probation Officer or the Child Welfare Officer or Case Worker or social worker, shall prepare a post release plan and

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submit the same to the Board or the Committee, two month before the child is due to leave the Child Care Institution, recommending aftercare for such child, as per the needs of the child.

(5) The Board or the Committee or the Children's Court, while monitoring the post release plan will also examine the effectiveness of the aftercare programme, particularly whether it is being utilized for the purpose for which it has been granted and the progress made by the child as a result of such aftercare programme.

(6) Children who are placed in aftercare programme, shall be provided funds by the State Government for their essential expenses such funds shall be transferred directly to their bank accounts.

(7) The Services provided under the aftercare programme may include:

- i. community group housing on a temporary basis for groups of six to eight persons;
- ii. provision of stipend during the course of age appropriate and need based education including higher education and vocational training and to support gain skills for increasing their employability;
- iii. arrangements for skill training and placement in commercial establishments through coordination with National Skill Development Programme, Indian Institute for skill Training and other such Central or State Government programmes by the relevant Department pertaining to Housing, Higher Education, Skill Development, Sports, Youth affairs, Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disability, Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes Development Minorities and Backward Classes, Finance and Industries etc. as would be approved by the State Government from time to time;
- iv. provision of a counsellor to stay in regular contact with such persons to discuss their rehabilitation plans;
- v. provision of creative outlets for channelising their energy and to tide over the crisis periods in their lives;
- vi. arrangement of loans and subsidies for children in aftercare, aspiring to set up entrepreneurial activities;
- vii. encouragement to sustain themselves without State or institutional support; and
- viii. where necessary mental health intervention and support may be provided in convergence with Health & Family Welfare Department.

(8) Children who are placed in aftercare programme shall be provided funds by the State Government on a monthly basis to meeting the basic needs including food, clothing and shelter.;

90-A. Special provisions in certain cases.-(1) In case of a girl child attaining 18 years of age or a meritorious boy undergoing studies may continue to obtain after care facility within the existing Child Care Institution premises (where she/he lived before attaining 18 years of age till the age of 21 years) if the CCI has exclusive and separate facility for aftercare programme on the order of the Committee or the Board or the Children's Court , as the case may be, as per form 37.

(2)The District Child Protection Officer of the concerned district shall coordinate the concerned Tehsildar for issuing of an orphan certificate to every passing out orphan child from the Child Care Institution.

(3) In case of a girl orphan child after leaving the Child Care Institution orafter care organization preferably be given admission in working women's hostel for her study or employment.

(4) The aftercare organization shall maintain individual case files for each child placed in aftercare. The District Child Protection Officer or any officer to whom he direct shall make quarterly visits to the aftercare facilities and assess the social, vocational and educational progress to determine whether necessary and appropriate services are being provided.

(5) CWC/JJB shall conduct quarterly review of a child placed in aftercare.

(6)The aftercare organization shall form a monitoring committee comprising of volunteers, community representatives and social workers to regularly assess the progress of the child placed in aftercare.

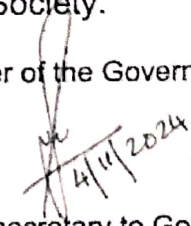
(7)The State shall develop a specific MIS portal for aftercare program to track the progress of children including their linkages with different educational and vocational institutions to their placements/occupational engagement and social reintegration process.

(8) The aftercare organization shall submit the quarterly progress report for each child with the following information:

- i. Educational Status(if child is studying)
- ii. Health status (specify in case of any health problems)
- iii. Vocational training (specify the training and level)
- iv. Employment status
- v. Training attended (life skills etc.)
- vi. Mention the general progress of the young adult and his/her psycho-social development.; and

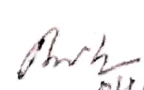
90-B. Grievance redress.- if any child placed in aftercare programme has grievance to redress shall submit same to the District Magistrate-cum-Collector of the concerned district and in case his grievance is not redressed within 30 days may appeal before the Director, Odisha State Child Protection Society."

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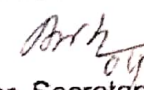
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