



Approval will have to be Taken from the Civil Surgeon for Adopting a Child in Jharkhand

Why In News?

According to the information received from Jharkhand Children's Home and Adoption Organization Karuna NMO on January 1, 2023, as per rule-37 of the **State Adoption Rules-2022**, it has been made mandatory for the district hospital management to issue certificates, in which now **child's social organizations and people will have to take permission from the civil surgeon for adoption.**

Key Points

- As per the rule, if you get information about the child from an acquaintance, nursing home, hospital or any NGO, you cannot adopt the child on the basis of that. Under this, the medical board formed by the civil surgeon will first look at the child and conduct his physical verification (physical test) whether the child belongs to the general category or special.
- Karuna NMO, a children's home and adoption body in the state, has written a letter to the civil surgeon's office requesting it to issue the certificate as per the guidelines. In such a situation, if any family wants to adopt a child, then they will have to go through this process. The **Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA)** had issued clear guidelines in the matter on October 11, 2022.
- This organization mainly works for the adoption of orphaned, abandoned and surrendered children.
- There are about 31 million orphans in the country at present, but due to complicated legal process, only 16,353 children have been adopted in the last five years.

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