

HARYANA GOVERNMENT

WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Notification

The 5th July, 2011

No. 177/SW(3)/2011.—In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-section (1) of Section 19 of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 (6 of 2007), the Governor of Haryana hereby makes the following rules, namely :—

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| Short title and Commencement | 1. (i) These rules may be called the Haryana Prohibition of Child Marriage Rules, 2011.
(ii) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette. |
| Definitions. | 2. (i) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—
“Act” means the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 (6 of 2007).
(ii) The words and expressions used in these rules but not defined shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the act. |
| Duties of Child Marriage Prohibition Officer.
Section 16. | 3. The Child Marriage Prohibition Officer shall,—
(a) create social awareness against child marriage;
(b) cause the publication and wide circulation of the Act and the rules;
(c) follow-up all complaints/information related to child marriage to ensure the best interest of the child;
(d) take any other action, which is necessary for prohibition of child marriage; and
(e) Monitor the parental home or alternative residence of female contracting party to child marriage. |
| Measures to prevent mass solemnization of child marriages. | 4. Notwithstanding the foregoing duties, the Child Marriage Prohibition Officer shall during the mass solemnization of child marriages on occasions such as Akkha Teej, Akshaya Tritiya, Mahashivaratri etc. perform the following functions, namely :—
(a) involve all the related departments such as Social Justice and Empowerment, Health, Education, Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Women and Child Development, Police, Information and Public Relations, Revenue etc. among others for better co-ordination to ensure that no child marriages are solemnized;
(b) being planning and strategizing for at least a minimum of one month coupled before the date fixed for mass solemnization of child marriage, with constant awareness drive against child marriage;
(c) give wide publicity about the consequence of child marriage in the local language and use creative and mass awareness through films, hoardings, posters, pamphlets, loudspeakers, cultural programmes etc. and advertisements on the television, radio, newspapers and on buses and trains;
(d) take a serious note of any form or means of glorification of child marriage and shall initiate appropriate measures, including legal action, against such persons/ organizations responsible for such glorification;
(e) ensure that Officials and Professionals like doctors etc. on no account issue false medical/birth/age certificates and initiate appropriate action when they are found doing so;
(f) coordinate with and monitor all priests in their jurisdiction regularly to ensure that the child marriage shall not be solemnized;
(g) educate/involve the owner or person in-charge of Community Centre, Public Building, Banquet Hall, Marriage Palace etc. for the prevention of solemnization of child marriage. |

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