

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) What is HARIHAR Policy?

Ans - "HARIHAR" (Homeless, Abandoned and Surrendered Children Rehabilitation Initiative Haryana) Policy is an initiative for providing Employment, Educational and Financial benefits to Abandoned and Surrendered Children who have completed the age of 18 years from the Child Care Institutions of the State and were abandoned before the age of 5 years or surrendered before the age of 1 year.

2) Whether HARIHAR Scheme is run by the State Government of Haryana or Central Government?

Ans - 'HARIHAR' Scheme is an initiative of Government of Haryana. Women and Child Development is the nodal department for implementation of this scheme.

3) Who is Abandoned Child as per HARIHAR Scheme?

Ans - "Abandoned Child" under this Policy means a child found abandoned whose parents, guardians, relatives could not be traced despite making due inquiry and admitted to the Child Care Institution before the age of 5 years. Further, a child is declared abandoned by the Child Welfare Committee (as per Juvenile Justice Act, 2000/2015) or as per the rules prevailing at that time and has completed the age of 18 years while living in Child Care Institutions.

4) Who is Surrendered Child as per HARIHAR Scheme?

Ans - "Surrendered Child" under this Policy is a child who is relinquished by the parents or guardian to the Child Welfare Committee, on account of physical, emotional and social factors beyond their control and admitted to the Child Care Institution before the age of 01 year. Further, the child is declared Surrendered by the Child Welfare Committee after due inquiry (as per Juvenile Justice Act, 2000/2015) or as per the rules prevailing at that time and has completed the age of 18 years while living in Child Care Institutions.

5) What is Child Care Institution?

A - Child Care Institutions (CCIs) means Children Homes and Specialized Adoption Agencies established or maintained, in every district or group of districts, by the State Government, either by itself, or through a voluntary or non-governmental organization. These CCIs are registered as such under Juvenile Justice Act, 2015

6) What is Child Welfare Committee?

Child Welfare Committee is a committee constituted by State Government under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2000/2015 to deal with Children in need of Care and Protection.

7) Who is a "Guardian" as per this scheme?

Guardian in relation to a child means his natural guardian or any other person having, in the opinion of the Child Welfare Committee or, the Juvenile Justice Board, the actual charge of the child, and recognized by the Committee or, the Board as a guardian in the course of proceedings.

8) Is this scheme applicable to a person who is currently residing in CCI?

A - This scheme is applicable to persons who have completed the age of 18 years from the Child Care Institutions of the State but were abandoned before the age of 5 years or surrendered before the age of 1 year.

9) Can any orphan person apply under this scheme?

A - This scheme is applicable to abandoned and surrendered persons who have resided in the Child Care Institution up to the age of 18 years.

10) Can a person who has lived in CCI but was released or who left the institution before completion of 18 years apply under the scheme?

A - No. A person who has completed the age of 18 years while living in Child Care Institution can avail benefit under this scheme

11) Whether a child/ person who was abandoned or surrendered after the age of 6 years and admitted in CCI can apply under the scheme?

A - Abandoned and Surrendered children who were admitted to the Child Care Institutions before the age of 05 years (as Abandoned) and before the age of 01 year (as Surrendered) can apply under the scheme