

**FORM 25**

**[Rule 19(29)]**

**CERTIFICATE DECLARING THE CHILD LEGALLY FREE FOR ADOPTION**

1. In exercise of the powers vested in the Child Welfare Committee.....under section 38 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, child..... date of birth.....placed in the care of the Specialized Adoption Agency/Child Care Institution (name & address) vide order no.....dated..... of this Committee, is hereby declared legally free for adoption on the basis of the following:

- Inquiry report of the Probation Officer/ Child Welfare Officer / Social Worker / Case Worker/any other (as the case may be);
- Deed of surrender executed by the biological parent(s) or the legal guardian of the child before this Committee on (date);
- Declaration submitted by District Child Protection Unit and the Child Care Institution or Specialized Adoption Agency concerned to the effect that they have made restoration efforts as required under Section 40(1) of the Act, the Rules and Adoption Regulations, but, nobody has approached them for claiming the child as biological parents or legal guardian as on date of the said declaration.

2. This is to certify that:

The biological parent(s) / legal guardian, wherever available, has/have been counselled and duly informed of the effects of their consent including the placement of the child or children in adoption which would result in the termination of the legal relationship between the child and his or her family of origin;

The biological parents / legal guardian have given their consent freely, in the required legal form, and the consents have not been induced by payment or compensation of any kind and the consent of the mother (where applicable), has been given only after the birth of the child.

The Specialized Adoption Agency/ Child Care Institution to which the aforesaid child is entrusted shall post the photograph and other essential details of the child in the CARINGS and shall place such child in adoption as per the procedure laid down in the Act and Adoption Regulations.

Signature

Chairperson and Members of the Committee

(Seal of the Child Welfare Committee)

Date:

Place:

To: Child Care Institution /Specialized Adoption Agency/ District Child Protection Unit Concerned – for information and necessary action.

(Signature: & Seal)

Date: