

## **FOSTER CARE SCHEME - VATSALYA**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

- a. Foster Care is a family based non-institutional child care programme that provides temporary/substitute care for children in difficult circumstances, for example children whose parents are unable to care for them due to illness, death, desertion of one parent or any emotional crisis.
- b. Foster care is different from adoption where the child severs all ties with his natural/biological parents. As it is universally acknowledged that a child needs a family for his/her growth and development, the Foster care in a family is being widely recognized as a preferred alternative to institutionalization.
- c. In the Indian social context, where the family bond and ties are strong, Foster Care may take the form of kinship care, where a relative or a family member with financial assistance can be motivated to care for the child in need of care and protection. *However, a child may also be placed with an unrelated family if such an arrangement is found to be in the best interests of the child.*
- d. The Foster Care scheme shall be implemented as stipulated in and prescribed by *the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)*, Section 42 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 and in compliance with Rule 34 of the Model Rules of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children ) Rules, 2007.
- e. The Foster Care Scheme shall also strengthen non-institutional forms of care as envisaged under the ICPS and shall receive support from the Foster Care Fund under the ICPS.

### **II. RATIONALE**

- a. The family provides the child with basic needs, love, care, health and security essential for the child's emotional and psychological well-being. It serves as a primary unit of socialization and parents are role models for significant behavioral patterns. A child can only reciprocate love which he/she receives. The non-institutional approach to the care of children in need of care and protection is globally acclaimed as it adheres to the child's right to a family. A child otherwise, deprived of the nurturing in a family, will receive personalized, individualized care within a foster family. There is bonding between the child and the foster family.
- b. Hence Foster Care in a family, as a child welfare service, is viewed as an alternative to institutional care as it creates a substitute environment of family love and security. Foster care would provide a child in need of care and protection a nurturing environment that is safe, secure, stable and stimulating one.
- c. Realizing the importance of the family unit and seeking to prevent institutionalization of children, the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Goa has approved the following Foster Care

Scheme for children in need of care and protection for a protective and secure home.

### **III. THE SCHEME**

**1) Name of the Scheme:** - This Scheme shall be called “FOSTER CARE SCHEME - VATSALYA”.

**2) Date of commencement:** - The Scheme shall come into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

**3) Definitions:-**

- i) “children’s safety being at risk” refers to the likelihood of the child being exposed to child abuse or sexual offences or child trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation or violation of his or her rights i.e a child in difficult circumstances as defined in the Goa Children’s Act, 2003.
- ii) “crisis” faced by the family refers to any eventuality which results in the child being deprived of parental care or the care of legal or natural guardians.
- iii) “fit”; “foster parent” may be a couple, single parent, relative, close acquaintance, concerned individual willing and capable of taking responsibility of a child.
- iv) “opinion”; “surrendered”; and “abandoned” shall have the same meanings as defined in the model Rules of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000.
- v) All other words and expression not specifically defined shall have same meaning as may be defined under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000.

**4) Eligibility criteria for selection of children to be assisted under the Scheme:** - Children in need of care and protection as defined in Section 2(d) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 in the age group 0-18 years (may be extended to 21 years, subject to the assessment of Child Welfare Committee) shall be eligible under this Scheme and shall include:

- i) children affected by family breakdown or marital discord;
- ii) children faced with upheavals caused by family illness, substance abuse or any other “crisis”;
- iii) the children’s safety being “ at risk”;
- iv) natural or man-made disasters;
- v) orphaned, surrendered/relinquished, abandoned children;
- vi) children who cannot be placed in adoption for various reasons;
- vii) children in institutions who can be “reinstated” or “restored” back into families; and
- viii) a child in conflict with law.

**5) Eligibility criteria for selection of Foster parents:-** As far as possible, the foster family should belong to a similar social-economic and cultural milieu. However, there shall be no discrimination of whatsoever nature in selection of foster parents either on the basis of different socio-

economic background or any other category. In deciding foster-care placement, the best interests of the child shall be paramount.

The criteria for selection shall be in accordance with Section 35 of the Model Rules of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act:

- i) foster parents should have stable emotional adjustment within the family;
- ii) foster parents should have an income in which they are able to meet the basic needs of the child. The foster care maintenance allowance/assistance should not be their motivation for caring for the child and they should not be totally dependent on the same;
- iii) the CWC shall assess whether the monthly family income is adequate to take care of foster children;
- iv) medical reports of all the members of the family residing in the premises should be obtained including checks on Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Tuberculosis (TB) and Hepatitis B to determine their medical fitness;
- v) the foster parents should have adequate exposure, orientation and capacity in child caring and the capacity to provide good child care. The foster parents should be physically, mentally and emotionally stable;
- vi) the home should have adequate space and basic facilities;
- vii) the foster care family should be willing to follow rules laid down including making regular visits to a pediatrician, immunization of the child, maintenance of child's health records;
- viii) the family should be willing to sign an agreement and to return the child to the Child Welfare Committee if directed by the Committee to do so.
- ix) the foster parents should be willing to attend training or orientation programmes on child care and health, etc;
- x) the foster parents should motivate the child to study and be willing to send the child to regular school or for vocational training.

**6) Identification of Foster families and Awareness about the Scheme:-**

- i) The biological parent/s can identify a relative or a potential caregiver from the vicinity.
- ii) A list of couples found ineligible under the criteria for adoption but willing to care for children in foster care can be prepared by adoption agencies and submitted to Child Welfare Committee for assessment by the Child Care Coordinator.
- iii) Self Help Groups, Mahila Mandals, Child Development Project Officers, Village Child Committees, Anganwadi Workers, NGOs, Media can be enlisted to propagate the need for foster parents and families.

**7) Placement Conditions:-** When placing a child in foster care, the following points shall be looked into:-

- i) Due consideration shall be given to the age and sex of the other children of the foster care applicants/parents;
- ii) Not more than two children shall be placed in a foster family except in the case of siblings who may require to be placed with the same family;

- iii) Foster care applicant(s) shall be counseled about behaviour issues. The child's emotional and psychological assessment shall be discussed with the foster care applicant(s) to enable them to deal with the child's situation to minimize the chances of premature termination of the foster care placement;
- iv) The child's opinion shall be sought, wherever possible, prior to initiating the foster care procedures; and
- v) In case of a child in conflict with law, the Juvenile Justice Board may refer the child to the Child Welfare committee to initiate the procedures for foster placement.

**8) Referrals: -** The child shall be presented before the Child Welfare Committee either by the Juvenile Justice Board, concerned individuals, NGOs, Adoption Agencies and other institutions. The Child Welfare Committee shall decide if a particular child is eligible for foster care or otherwise.

**9) Staff: -** Two Child Care Coordinators, one each for North Goa District and South Goa District shall be appointed. The Department of Women and Child Development shall be the nodal department and shall carry out all administrative functions including financial disbursement.

**10) Procedures for implementation:-**

- i) Applications for foster care shall be received by the Child Welfare Committee.
- ii) The Child Welfare Committee shall be the Competent Authority under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 for the implementation of the Scheme. Two Child Care Coordinators shall work under their supervision.
- iii) In cases where the child needs to be assisted through the Scheme is related to the foster parents, to prevent disruption of the child's normal routine, the child may be permitted by the Child Welfare Committee to reside with the family while the inquiries and assessment is carried out by the Child Care Coordinator.
- iv) An initial meeting shall be conducted by the Child Welfare Committee with the foster care parents/applicants for preliminary inquiries and to inform them about the Scheme.
- v) The applications received shall be referred to the Child Care Coordinator for scrutiny and inquiry. The Child Care Coordinator shall make home visit, have meetings with the family members of the foster care applicants, collateral contacts such as the anganwadi workers/school/hospital, etc. An assessment shall be carried out of the potential, motivation and capacities of the prospective foster parents as per Annexure – I [Assessment Report of Foster Parent(s)]. The assessment report of the foster care applicants shall be presented to the Child Welfare Committee within 15 days and the case discussed for its approval. The NGOs may be asked for assistance, if required.

- vi) Following the inquiry conducted by the Child Care Coordinator, the Child Welfare Committee shall give its decision on the request of foster care applicants.
- vii) A Child Study Report shall be prepared by the Child Care Coordinator within 15 days (Annexure - II: Child Study Report) providing details of the child.
- viii) If the foster care applicant(s) is/are found to be suitable by the Child Welfare Committee, the Child Care Coordinator shall facilitate the meeting between the prospective foster parent(s) and the child under the supervision of the Child Welfare Committee.
- ix) The foster care applicant(s) shall then be asked to give their opinion regarding the placement within a week to the Child Care Coordinator and the Child Welfare Committee who shall then permit the family to visit the child at least twice a week to facilitate bonding.
- x) The foster care applicant(s) is/are to be informed of the conditions of the Scheme such as their role in executing rehabilitation plans; the periodic assessment visits to their homes by the Child Care Coordinator or designated Case Worker authorized by the Child Welfare Committee; duration of placement, termination of the placement by the Child Welfare Committee when necessary; their obligation to inform the Child Welfare Committee of any change in the family situation (e.g. health, employment, change of residence or any conditions in which the child's safety could be at risk, etc.)
- xi) On acceptance of the conditions of the Scheme, the foster care applicant(s) shall submit the relevant documents (such as identity proof, proof of residence, Employment Certificate, Health reports, Income Certificate, Birth Certificates, Marriage Certificates, Death Certificates where applicable, etc. to the Child Care Coordinator. The Child Care Coordinator shall also prepare the profile for the child which shall include all relevant documents. The documents of the foster care applicant(s) and the child shall be presented before the Child Welfare Committee by the Child Care Coordinator.
- xii) The Child Welfare Committee shall declare the foster care applicant(s) as "fit person(s)" and issue the Order for Foster Care [Annexure - III: Form XVII of the Model Rules under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000]. The Child Welfare Committee shall also obtain an undertaking from the foster parent(s) in the prescribed format (Annexure - IV: Format for Undertaking), adding any other clauses they deem necessary which shall be signed by the foster parent(s).
- xiii) Prior to the placement, the foster family shall be provided with orientation by the Child Care Coordinator and periodic training by the Child Care Coordinator and the Department of Women and Child Development about the needs and behavior of children to understand their roles and responsibilities, the situation of the child placed in their care to minimize the chances of premature termination of the foster care placement.

xiv) The Child Welfare Committee and the two Child Care Coordinators shall be assisted by a team of professionals drawn from the empanelled list of experts maintained by the Child Welfare Committee as per Rule 27 (12) of the Model Rules which shall include a Social Worker, Child Psychologist, Legal expert and Doctor.

**11) Duration of Foster Care:** - After a careful inquiry and assessment, the duration can be assessed as required and the placement periodically reviewed. The following types of placements may be decided upon:-

- i) Emergency placement;
- ii) Temporary/short term placement;
- iii) Long term placements till the child attains the age of 18 years and extended upto the age of 21 years;
- iv) Assessment placement, usually for approximately four months during which a detailed assessment is carried out of the physical, emotional, therapeutic needs of the child.

**12) Monitoring and Supervision:-**

- i) Supervisory visits of the foster family shall be conducted by the Child Care Coordinator and a Foster Care Report prepared (Annexure - V: Format for Periodic Evaluation of Foster Care Placement) to assess the child's adjustment in the foster home.
- ii) **Maintenance of Records:-** The Child Care Coordinator shall maintain ledgers for records of disbursement of funds and a master ledger for children and foster parents assisted under the Scheme. Individual case files will include records of children, orders issued by the Child Welfare Committee, undertakings by the foster parent(s), etc. Files for details of release of Grants shall be maintained and regularly updated. These will be scrutinized periodically by the Department.

**13) Foster Care Allowance:-** On the basis of the assessment of the Child Care Coordinator, the maximum maintenance allowance per child or monthly Foster Care Allowance payable to the foster families for the welfare of the child will be Rs. 2,500/- per month.

Provided that the children who are beneficiaries of the Dayanand Social Security Scheme (DSSS) of the Directorate of Social Welfare, Government of Goa, shall not be eligible for Foster Care allowances under this scheme.

**14) Follow up Procedure:-**

- i) Periodic assessment of the placement shall be carried out by the Child Care Coordinator and the report presented for evaluation to the Child Welfare Committee. During the first year, assessment visit reports shall be presented before the Child Welfare Committee once every three months and bi-annually thereafter.
- ii) Programmes for enhancement of parenting skills, awareness on health, immunization and nutrition shall be conducted periodically by the Child Care Coordinator. Interactive sessions for the children and foster parents shall also be organized.

- iii) An annual medical check-up of the child shall be carried out by the foster parent(s) and an annual progress report prepared by the Child Care Coordinator, which shall be presented along with the evaluation report to the Child Welfare Committee.
- iv) Individual case files shall be maintained by the Child Care Coordinator with school progress reports, medical investigations and evaluation reports of the placement.
- v) Whenever necessary, the State shall provide the foster family with supplementary services such as material and financial help for transport and medical expenses, referrals to other community services such as family counseling, child guidance clinics, community centers, rehabilitation centers, etc
- vi) The Child Welfare Committee shall report to the Department of Women and Child Development and the District Child Protection Society in the prescribed format (Annexure - VI: Format for Quarterly Report to DCPS).
- vii) During the child's placement in foster care, efforts shall be made by the Child Care Coordinator for the empowerment of the biological parents and other siblings, if required. The biological parents or other family members will be motivated to enlist for vocational or job-oriented courses so that the child may be restored to the biological family at a later date.

**15) Restoration of the child to the biological parent/legal guardian:-**

- i) Before a child in foster care is restored to his/her family, the Child Care Coordinator shall conduct a social inquiry to assess the biological family for the criteria of "fit person" and shall present the report before the Child Welfare Committee who shall then declare the family "fit".
- ii) In case the biological family/legal guardian requires any financial help for the care of their child, such a family may be referred for assistance under the Sponsorship Scheme.

**16) Funding:-**

- i) The Foster Care Fund will be created by the Department of Women and Child Development to enable the implementation of the Foster Care Scheme under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 and as envisaged under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme.
- ii) The annual budget shall take into account the following:-
  - a) Number of children to be assisted;
  - b) Foster Care Allowance /maintenance payment;
  - c) Administrative costs, salaries of staff, conveyance, infrastructure; and
  - d) Contingency costs.

**17) Payment:-** Once the Child Welfare Committee orders the placement of a child in foster care, a copy of the order shall be marked to the District Child Protection Society (DCPS) and to the Department of Women and Child Development for the release of funds. The Child Welfare Committee shall also submit to the Department and the DCPS in the prescribed format (Annexure - VI: Format for Report to DCPS) about the number of placements for the disbursement of funds. The grant shall be released by the Government as an advance every six months. The first instalment shall be released as an adhoc advance grant for a unit of 18 children. Subsequent instalments shall be released on the basis of actual figures of children covered and grants utilized.

**18) Termination Procedure:** - Placements can be terminated after an assessment is carried out by the Child Care Coordinator and approved by the Child Welfare Committee if it is established that the placement is unsuitable for the child's development or the placement is traumatic for the child and the foster family.

**19) The role of the State Government:-** The State Government shall:-

- i) Oversee and facilitate the implementation of the Scheme through the regular disbursement of funds;
- ii) Facilitate periodic evaluation and review of the scheme; and
- iii) Introduce other schemes such as Family Assistance, Sponsorships as a buffer in the case of contingencies.

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**ANNEXURE –I**

**ASSESSMENT REPORT OF FOSTER PARENT(S)**

1. **Date of Assessment** : \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. **Photograph of the foster parent/s**
  
3. **Source of Referral** : \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. **Details of the Applicant** : \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) Name : \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Date of Birth : \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) Place of Birth : \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) Age : \_\_\_\_\_
  - e) Maritus Status : \_\_\_\_\_
  - f) Nationality : \_\_\_\_\_
  - g) Religion : \_\_\_\_\_
  - h) Education : \_\_\_\_\_
  - i) Occupation : \_\_\_\_\_
    - i) Nature of work : \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii) Hours of work : \_\_\_\_\_
  - j) Income : \_\_\_\_\_
  - k) Medical status (Attach recent medical report) : \_\_\_\_\_
  - l) Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - m) Contact No.
    - i) Landline : \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii) Mobile : \_\_\_\_\_
  - n) Email Address : \_\_\_\_\_
  - o) Languages known/ spoken : \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. **Reasons for volunteering services for foster care and plans for the foster child**
  - a) The provisions and arrangements that will be made for the child : sleeping, recreation, education, etc : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- b) What could be issues/difficulties for the child? : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c) What are the changes the foster care applicant(s) envisage they would need to make in their lifestyles? : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**6. Parenting capacities**

- a) Exposure to child care : \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Their understanding of development and needs of a child : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c) How would they ensure that the child/children placed with them will be safe from sexual abuse or any other form of abuse within the family and wider support networks? : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d) What are the discipline methods they will use? What is their attitude towards punishment? : \_\_\_\_\_  
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**7. Preference of child to be taken in Foster Care**

- a) **Age Group**
  - i) Below 3 years : \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii) 3-6 years : \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii) 7-12 years : \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv) 13-18 years : \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Any other preferences (language, religion, etc) : \_\_\_\_\_
- c) **Type of placement**
  - i) Emergency : \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii) Short term : \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii) Assessment : \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv) Long term : \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Profile of applicant's family** : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**9. Details of the applicant's family** : \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Relationship	Age and gender	Education	Marital status	Occupation and income

a) **Family Profile** : \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Give details of personality, family life, inter-family relations, attitude of extended family towards foster care, support network etc. Include general health status of the family. Inquire about any family members having a criminal record. Highlight qualities that can match a child's needs. The profile should facilitate initial identification of a potential match with specific child.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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b) **Description of the applicant's house:** (details of size, whether owned/rented, amenities etc.) : \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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c) **Neighbourhood/ community:** (details of composition, amenities and facilities- space for play, transport, education, vocational, medical services, nearest police station/outpost etc.) : \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. **Verification of Applicant's Identity**

a) Age (Birth Certificate / Leaving Certificate) : \_\_\_\_\_

b) Proof of residence: (Residence Certificate, Rent receipt etc.) : \_\_\_\_\_

c) Proof of Identity: (ID card/ Voters Card/ Drivers' Licence /Ration card etc.) : \_\_\_\_\_

d) Marital status: [date/ duration of marriage (marriage certificate), details of previous marriage and children of that relationship (if any)] : \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

e) Copies of documents attached to the form : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

11. **Applicant's Career History:** : \_\_\_\_\_  
(details of education, employment, voluntary work, part-time work, leisure activities) \_\_\_\_\_

12. **Routine Inquiries:** (Medical : \_\_\_\_\_  
check, police check, employer reference ) \_\_\_\_\_

13. **Personal references:** (from 2 : \_\_\_\_\_  
persons)

a) Reference 1 Name : \_\_\_\_\_

b) Reference 2 Name : \_\_\_\_\_

(Reference notes to be attached after interviews are conducted with two references. The information should include length of time known, relationship to the applicant, opinion about the applicants' ability to perform the tasks involved in caring for children, providing a safe and caring environment, applicant's interests, talents, personality)

14. **Assessment of the Child Care : \_\_\_\_\_  
Coordinator**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

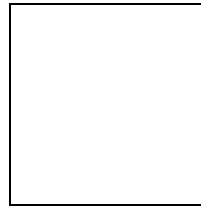
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**ANNEXURE –II**

**CHILD STUDY REPORT**

1. **Date of Assessment** : \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Child’s Photograph**



3. **Source of Referral** : \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Details of the child:**

a) Name : \_\_\_\_\_

b) Date of Birth : \_\_\_\_\_

c) Place of Birth : \_\_\_\_\_

d) Age : \_\_\_\_\_

e) Nationality : \_\_\_\_\_

f) Religion : \_\_\_\_\_

g) Education : \_\_\_\_\_

h) Languages spoken : \_\_\_\_\_

i) Relationship of child to foster family, if any : \_\_\_\_\_

j) Present Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

k) Contact details

i) Landline : \_\_\_\_\_

ii) Mobile : \_\_\_\_\_

l) Email Address : \_\_\_\_\_

m) Placement history : \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Date when placed in institutional care, name and address of institution)

n) Details of biological family : \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Relation-ship with Child	Age and gender	Education	Marital status	Occupation and income

- i) Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) Contact details
  - i) Landline : \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii) Mobile : \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) Email address : \_\_\_\_\_
- iv) Family situation: (socio-economic-cultural background, religious beliefs) : \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Child's medical history**

- a) physical Development : \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Height : \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Weight : \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Present Health Status : \_\_\_\_\_
- e) Eye Problems(if any) : \_\_\_\_\_
- f) Ear /Nose /Throat problems (if any) : \_\_\_\_\_
- g) Skin disease or any other (if any) : \_\_\_\_\_
- h) Any other treatment that the child is undergoing : \_\_\_\_\_
- i) Any immunization required : \_\_\_\_\_
- j) Operations and accidents (if any) : \_\_\_\_\_
- k) Disability/Special needs : \_\_\_\_\_
- l) Intellectual development ( any learning difficulties) : \_\_\_\_\_
- m) Any other remarks : \_\_\_\_\_
- n) Medical reports including Blood Group, Hepatitis B and HIV/AIDS test reports, Hospitalization and Immunization records attached to be listed : \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Educational History**

- a) Name of School : \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Class : \_\_\_\_\_
- c) If the child is a dropout school and class last attended : \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Reason for leaving school : \_\_\_\_\_
- e) Learning difficulties (if any) : \_\_\_\_\_
- f) Any vocational training acquired : \_\_\_\_\_
- g) School reports attached : \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Child's preferences**

- a) Opinion of child regarding foster care : \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Institution/ family, routine, habits : \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Activities including extra-curricular activities that the child enjoys, leisure time interests and hobbies : \_\_\_\_\_  
: \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Skills/talents : \_\_\_\_\_  
: \_\_\_\_\_
- e) Likes /dislikes : \_\_\_\_\_  
: \_\_\_\_\_  
: \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Social History and Emotional Development**

- Who is the child attached to? : Friends/siblings/ other relatives/  
teachers/others
- a) Ability to form and maintain relationships : \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Any traumatic incidents in the child's life : \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) Any history of abuse, giving relevant details : \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) Any history of having been in conflict with law : \_\_\_\_\_
  - e) Any behavioural issues : \_\_\_\_\_
  - f) Ability to cope with stress and anger : \_\_\_\_\_
  - g) Conformity to rules : \_\_\_\_\_
  - h) Attitude to discipline/control/authority figures : \_\_\_\_\_
  - i) Any special attention required by the child : \_\_\_\_\_

9. **Reasons for Foster care:** (Detailed reasons stating why the child has been considered for foster placement including past experiences, any history of abuse, neglect, ill treatment) : \_\_\_\_\_  
: \_\_\_\_\_  
: \_\_\_\_\_

10. **Assessment of child's needs:** (Educational and other requirements, Any special care required) : \_\_\_\_\_  
: \_\_\_\_\_

11. **Recommendations:** (Comments of : \_\_\_\_\_  
Child Care Coordinator: Duration, type \_\_\_\_\_  
of family required and most suitable \_\_\_\_\_  
for the child)

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Place : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**ANNEXURE –III**

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date :** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER OF FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT**

The child (name and address) \_\_\_\_\_  
aged \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ d/o or s/o Mr \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and Mrs \_\_\_\_\_ is in need of care  
and protection of a family.

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ and Mrs \_\_\_\_\_  
or Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ resident of (complete address and contact  
numbers) \_\_\_\_\_  
is/ are declared fit person(s) for foster-care placement of the child based on the home  
study report of the Child Care Coordinator Ms./ Mr \_\_\_\_\_ .

The child (name) \_\_\_\_\_ is placed in foster care for a  
period of \_\_\_\_\_ (days/ months), under the supervision of  
the aforesaid Child Care Coordinator (Name and contact details)  
\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson  
Child Welfare Committee

cc:

1. The Police -in-charge of \_\_\_\_\_ Police station
2. The CWC \_\_\_\_\_ office file.
3. The Superintendent, Children’s Home \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Foster parent \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Matron \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Guard file

**ANNEXURE- IV**

**UNDERTAKING BY THE PARENT(S), FOSTER PARENT(S)  
OR 'FIT PERSON(S)' TO WHOM CHILD IS RESTORED**

(To be made on Stamp paper of Rs 20)

I / We \_\_\_\_\_ resident of  
House No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ Village/Town \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ contactable  
on the following telephone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

do hereby declare that I am / we are willing to take charge of (name of the child)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ under the orders of the  
Child Welfare Committee, No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_ subject  
to the following terms and conditions:

- (i) If his/her conduct is unsatisfactory I / we shall at once inform the Committee.
- (ii) I / we shall do my / our best for the welfare and education of the said child for the duration for which he/ she is entrusted in my / our charge and shall make proper provision for his/her maintenance.
- (iii) In the event of his/her illness, he/she shall have proper medical attention in the nearest hospital.
- (iv) In case of change in phone number and/or address I /we shall inform the Child Welfare Committee in person and in writing.
- (v) I/ we shall produce the child for any court proceedings, if required.
- (vi) I / we undertake to produce him/her before the Competent aAuthority as and when required and to return the child if directed to do so by the Child Welfare Committee.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of the Deponent**

**Signature and address of witness(es)**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed before me**

**Chairperson,  
Child Welfare Committee**

**ANNEXURE – V**

**FORMAT FOR PERIODIC REPORT OF FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT**

1. **Date of Visit** : \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. **Details of the child:**
  - a) Name : \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Date of Birth : \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) Gender : \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
3. **Details of Foster Parents**
  - a) Name of Foster Parents : \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
  - c) Contact details
    - i) Landline : \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii) Mobile : \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. **Interaction with the Child**
  - a) Childs impression about the family: (whether the child is properly cared for – physical and health needs) : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Child’s daily activity : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
  - c) Any other information : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
5. **Observation of the family/Attitude towards the Child** : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
6. **Family Impression about the child** : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. **Child's Interaction/ Adjustment/ Bonding with the family** : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. **Plan for the child** : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. **Any progress made by the child in educational /vocational course enrolled for** : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. **Managing behaviours of the child / Any unmanageable behavior / disciplinary strategies adopted** : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. **Any other person besides immediate family living in the house** : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. **Remarks on progress of child** : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. **Other Observations** : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Place : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNEXURE –VI**

**FOSTER CARE SCHEME**

Summary for quarterly/six monthly format to be submitted to Department Women and Child Development and District Child Protection Society

Sr. No.	Regn No.	Name of child	D.O.B. & present age of child	Status of child (educational / other)	Date of foster care placement	Name & address of foster parent	Date of foster care Termination	Remarks

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Place : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

To,

1. The District Child Protection Society, \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Director, Directorate of Women & Child Development, Panaji-Goa.