



Appeal

Behalf of Parents who are affected by international-Adoption

WE WANT JUSTICE

Our Children were stolen, kidnapped and sold for Inter-country Adoption.

On 19th and 20th February, the Indian Central Adoption Resource Authority is hosting a conference on Inter-country Adoptions. More than 400 participants are expected and many foreign government officials will be present there.

The families listed below have been missing their children for many years. Some of them have been reunited, but no justice was done at all, and even though they saw their children once, they have not had sufficient contact.

Some of them, are still fighting in court and they have not heard back from their children's adoptive families at all.

Some of them want their children back.

We want to go to Delhi to bring to the notice of the foreign governments

- the tragic life stories and
- the way the indian government allows so many children to go missing and foreign governments cover up.

How can a government be sure that children who enter their country for adoption were not stolen?

We need your help, as all these families are poor and so they cannot afford travel or cover other expenses.

These are 3 families from Chennai, 3 families from Andhra Pradesh and 2 families from Maharashtra and one adoptee who has been deported back to India (while her children are in the US).

Sakhee, Pune and Against Child trafficking (ACT), Brussels and others are helping those families in their fight for justice.

Travel, lodging and boarding, food cost, local travel, press club rent, and stationary and printing cost is going to be around 1,50,000/- INR = 2200 Euro = 2900 US Dollars.

Please donate as much as possible.

Here is a history of all these cases:

Child name : Satish

Parents: Kathirvel and Nagarani

Missing since: 1999

Country: Netherlands

Agency: Meiling

Indian Agency: Malaysian Social Service

On the night of 9.3.99, he along with his wife and the Child, aged 1 years old, were sleeping outside the house and when his wife woke up at about 3.00 a.m. on 9/10.3.99, she found her son Satish Kumar, who was sleeping beside her, was missing. Even though on the very next day, a complaint was lodged at the second respondent police station. In May 2007, a Dutch TV program network published an extensive documentary about the case of Nagarani and Kathirvel and other possible stolen children sent to the Netherlands. Subsequently, the Dutch Minister of Justice ordered a three tier administrative inquiry. However till date with no outcome on what happened in India.

The parents personally lodged a police complaint in the Netherlands, but it was never taken up. Simultaneously the fought under dutch family law through all instances, but to no avail. Till date the have never seen their son, nor received any information about him.

The dutch agency Meiling is continuing it's business in children.

Children : Rani; Ruchi; Radhika and Rohit

Father: Ramesh Kulkarni

Country: Denmark

Missing: since 2002

Agency: AC International Child Support (AC Børnehjælp)

Indian Agency: Preet Mandir

After the death of his wife, Ramesh Kulkarni placed his four children for temporary care and protection in Preet Mandir. When Kulkarni arrived to meet his children a few months after leaving them at Preet Mandir, he was able to meet only two. He was told the other two were in hospital, and was advised he should keep his visits to a minimum to avoid “disturbing” the children. Later, he said, his parents went to the orphanage to bring the children back but the agency demanded Rs 50,000 as the price for each child’s discharge.

Then it came out his four children were adopted by a Danish family.

The owners and social worker of Preet Mandir and the then Chairman of the Indian Central Authority were formally charged by the Indian Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on 7 March 2011 of having entered into a criminal conspiracy with as motive to send children into adoption and to extort huge money from the adoptive parents. Until today Ramesh has not got any news about his children.

The Danish government concluded in it’s own investigation after a serious TV Documentary that there is nothing wrong with this adoption.

Child name : Subhash

Missing since: 1999

Parents: Nageshwar Rao; Sivagamma

Country: United States

Agency: Pauquette Children’s services

Indian Agency: Malaysian Social Service

On February 18th they last saw their son Subhash. It is their biggest nightmare.

He was dragged into an autoriksha and the next day turned over to Malaysian Social Service Chennai.

The family filed a police complaint of a missing child and the next five years we spent on scouting India in order to find him back. For the search they sold most of our belongings. All to no avail.

In 2005 the police informed them that their son had been given a new identity and been sold for adoption to an American family through the licensed American adoption agency

Pauquette. The CBI investigated the case and confirmed through a DNA Test that this child is indeed our son. They however never saw him or heard back of him.

The US Agency Pauquette is still doing adoptions.

Child name : Manjula and Bhagya:

Agency: American Adoption Agency (merged into Barker foundation)

Indian Agencies: Action for Development and John Abraham Memorial Home

Country: United States

Lakshmi had sent her daughters to ASD in 1995 on the assurance that they would get a good education.

A year later, on a trip to the centre, she saw her daughters for the last time, through a one-way window. She was told they would study better if they did not see her at all as it would upset them.

Lakshmi made a request that her daughters be handed back to her, but was told that she would have to pay a huge amount of money for that. The girls, say activists, had fallen victim to the sinister plans of child-traffickers and were already out of ASD by that time.

Lakshmi did not hear of her girls after that, till Ramaswamy approached her in 2004 and told her that her daughters were alive and well, and were looking for her.

Thanks to Ramaswamy's efforts and the Smolins' generosity, the mother got to see her daughters again. The girls finally continued to live in the United States.

The adoptive family filed a complaint with CARA, however CARA never pursued this complaint.

Their US Agency merged into Barker foundation and Barker foundation is represented at this conference now.

Child name : Ashwini and Komal

Missing since: 2005

Country: Spain

Agency: Nino's sans fronteras (Children without frontiers)

Indian Agency: Preet Mandir

Grandmother Kisabai Lokhande placed her two grandchildren in Boarding School (for temporary care, education and protection) in the Observation Home Satara. From there girls were transferred to the orphanage Preet Mandir Pune. These two grandchildren were without Grandmother's consent given to adoptive parents in Spain, through the mediation of a Spanish adoption agency. Since then Kisabai has not heard back from her grandchildren. The adoptive family denies all contact. Kisabai's case is pending in the Supreme Court of India.

Child name : Anisha

Missing since: 1991

Country: Germany

Agency: International Social Service – german branch

Indian Agency: Tender Loving Care

Fatima's story, was that she had been divorced from her husband while pregnant. Working in a household as a domestic maid, she was taken for delivery to Sister Theresa of the Tender Loving Care. After delivery, Sister Theresa demanded Rs.10,000/- from her for the delivery. Fatima could only pay Rs.1,500/-. Sister Theresa allowed Fatima to take the baby home, but only under the condition that she would pay the remaining hospital charges later. Later, Sister Theresa came to Fatima's house and took the baby forcibly from her. Repeated attempts by Fatima to reclaim her baby failed and she was threatened with police action. Anisha met Fatima now twice. But Fatima continues to miss her daughter every day.

Child name : Jabeen:

Missing since: 1998

Parents: Salya and Fatima

Country: Australia

Agency: Australian Department

Indian Agency: Malaysian Social Service (Tamil Nadu)

The petitioner had stated that on 26.11.1998, the Jabeen and the petitioner's son by name Sadam Hussain, were playing near the door steps of the house and at that time, two ladies came in an auto and took the girl child and when the same was objected by the minor son Sadam Hussain, they carried him also in the auto, but somehow Sadam

Hussain was able to jump out of the auto and escaped. Even though the petitioner reported the same to the police on the same day, on the basis of which, a case was registered in Crime No.1542 of 1998 and investigation was conducted and later on, the case was transferred to the file of CB-CID by the order of Director General of Police on 20.9.2006. However, till date the girl baby has not be brought back by the respondents, for the reason that she was given in adoption to an Australian family. The High Court transferred the investigation to the CBI and a Letter Rogatory was sent to Australia. So far, no cooperation has been given with respect to DNA testing neither by australian authorities nor the foreign adoptive parents. In 2012, they met their daughter once via skype phone. But since then all contact is lost.

Child name : Esteru Rani

Missing since: 1997

Country: Italy

Indian Agency: Mission to the Nations (Andhra Pradesh)

Esteru Rani, his fourth and youngest child, was given away in adoption by Papa Rao, director of Mission for Nations residential school in 1997. After discovering that the girl had been given away, Mr Solomom complained to the police, met then district collector Satish Chandra, then district Superintendent of Police Shikha Goel and even WD&CW officials at Kakinada and Hyderabad but, in vain. Whenever he makes a representation, the police collect Esteru Rani's address in Italy and pass it on to Mr Solomon. However he has never yet heard anything from his daughter.

Adoptee: Jennifer Haynes

She was deported back to India in: 2008

Country: USA

Agency: AIAA

Indian Agency: Kuan Yin Charitable Trust

Jennifer was placed for temporary care and protection in an orphanage by her mother when she was 5 years old. Without her mother's consent, in 1989, the Indian Courts orders were obtained by one Clarice D'Souza who consented on behalf her Agency [Kuan-Yin Charitable Trust]; she was then given for adoption to American adoptive parents, through the mediation of a US adoption agency. She was abused by her adoptive father, and the adoption was ended. She also got abused by the second adoptive family, after which she ended up in the US foster care system. After a conflict with the law she was convicted to jail.

After finishing her jail term, the US deported her back to India as apparently her adoption though finalized; her US Citizenship was not processed by the American Adoption Agency

(AIAA) through her Adoptive Parents. Jennifer has two children aged 5 & 6 (US Citizens) who are living with her mother in law in the US. This being one of the worst punishment that a Human Being is made to suffer, that Jennifer, a Mother of 2 minor children cannot enter the country US, when her own minor children as US Citizens.

Jennifer's papers are in possession of ACT. The research done by ACT, their Attorneys, it is evident that the Indian Authorities as well as the US Authorities have been unjust to Jennifer as well as her 2 minor kids, by mechanically deporting her from US and having accepted her in India as any ordinary illegal expatriate.

The US Agency is still operational and represented at this conference.

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