

CARE DEPARTMENT - POLICY IN REGARD TO MIGRANT CHILDREN.

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1. Migrant children upon arrival be met by the custodian authorities and taken to their respective Homes as at present.
2. As soon as practicable thereafter, the new arrivals to be checked by doctors, dentists and psychologists of this Department.
3. All necessary attention as a result of the checking be given to the children forthwith.
4. The custodian then takes full responsibility for the care and upbringing of each child in accordance with the provisions of the Child Welfare Act and Regulations.
5. That officers of this Department continue to visit the institutions at regular intervals to ensure that the standards of accommodation, food and amenities are maintained.
6. That Review Committees consisting of officers of this Department and representatives of the custodian authority continue to meet annually to review those children who have attained the age of 14 years and upwards, to plan out their future vocations.
7. That 16 years be the maximum age that a child should be kept in an institution, unless there are exceptional circumstances indicating a longer term in the interests of the child concerned.
8. That the custodian be required to find the appropriate employment for each child and also find suitable accommodation in which the child can reside. Such accommodation should be satisfactory to both the custodian's and this Department's standards.
9. The custodian will continue to place these children in employment and accommodation in the event of failure in either earlier employment or accommodation.
10. This Department to assist the child financially as and when required as heretofore with medical, dental and optical accounts; providing subsidy to augment insufficient wages and by providing an amount of £50. for additional clothing when a child takes up his first employment.
11. Officers of the Department to check from time to time on the progress of children, who have left the institutions, and copies of their reports to the Department may be made available to the custodian authorities for their information, etc..
12. This Department to continue to arrange service agreements with the employers of migrant children whose employment includes board and lodging and to bank their wage deductions Trust Accounts in the Commonwealth Savings Bank.

read: movements, accidents, abscondings, illnesses, hospitalisations and serious misdemeanours, etc., to be promptly reported to the Department by the custodian authorities and the Department will advise the custodian authorities in the event that it receives such information in the first instance.

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