

**IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT JUDGE, KHURDA
AT BHUBANESWAR.**

C.M. Appl. No. 206 of 2014.

1. Secretary, Subhadra Mahatab Seva Sadan of Kolathia, P.S. – Khandagiri, Bhubaneswar, District – Khurda.
2. Mr. Sankarlal Agrawal, aged about 52 years, S/o. Srinivas Agrawal.
3. Mrs. Mamta Agrawal, aged about 36 years, W/o. Sankarlal Agrawal.
Both are residents of Kamalpur, P.S. – Birmaharajpur, Dist. – Sonepur.

... **Petitioners.**

Counsel for petitioners : Shri B.B. Routray.

Date of Argument : 04.12.2014.

Date of Order : 23.12.2014.

No.5, Dated 23.12.2014.

O R D E R

This is a joint petition filed by the Legal Guardian-cum-Adoption Placement Agency (Petitioner No.1) and the intending parents (Petitioner Nos.2 & 3) under Section 41(6) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 read with rule 33(5) of the Central Rules, 2007, where petitioner No.1 seeks permission to give the minor male child Pratik in adoption to petitioner Nos.2 and 3.

2. The minor male child **Pratik** born on **29.10.2013**

came to the custody of petitioner No.1-Institution, a Child Care and Welfare Agency engaged in child welfare activities and giving shelter to the orphan, abandoned and surrendered children as a State recognised Adoption Placement Agency, on 29.10.2013 having been surrendered. The child was received in the petitioner No.1-Institution as per orders of the District Child Welfare Committee (for short, "CWC"), Khurda. After observing due formalities, the said child was brought up in the petitioner No.1-Institution.

3. Petitioner Nos.2 and 3, who are husband and wife, have four biological daughters but no son of their own. So, they applied to petitioner No.1-Institution to take the child in adoption and on expression of their willingness, the proposed adoption has been favoured with an affirmative Child Study Report vide Ext.1.

4. On being directed, one Dr. Smruti Rekha Mohanty, Social Worker of petitioner No.1-Institution has conducted a Home Study required for the purpose of adopting a male child. On verifying the Home Study Report vide Ext.2, petitioner No.1 offered to give the minor male child Pratik in adoption to petitioner Nos.2 and 3. On going through the Child Study Report, petitioner Nos.2 and 3 accepted the offer and agreed to take the child in adoption. Hence, the petition has been filed praying to allow petitioner No.1-Institution to give the male

child, namely, Pratik in adoption to petitioner Nos.2 & 3.

5. In course of hearing, one Niranjana Mohanty, Secretary of the petitioner No.1-Institution has examined himself reiterating the averments made in the petition and petitioner Nos.2 and 3 have examined themselves expressing their consent and desire to adopt the minor male child Pratik, as they have no biological son.

6. It has been submitted that for the welfare and improvement of the child, the adoption is essential and the intending parents have social and financial status for the purpose.

7. Now, it is to be seen whether it would be beneficial to institutionalize the child for her well being and better future prospectus. Both petitioner Nos.2 & 3 being examined as P.Ws.2 & 3 respectively have expressed their keen desire to adopt the child. It is revealed from the Home Study Report (Ext.2) that petitioner Nos.2 & 3 are financially, socially and emotionally stable to support the child physically, emotionally, psychologically and socially. Petitioner Nos.2 & 3 are financially sound, as evident from Exts.7 & 7/a i.e. income certificates of petitioner No.2 & P.W.3. Ext.9 shows that the Odisha State Council for Child Welfare, Bhubaneswar, affiliated to the Indian Council for Child Welfare, examined the matter and after thorough scrutiny and necessary enquiry, recommended in

favour of the proposed adoption in the best interest of the child.

8. On perusal of the documents filed in this case vide Exts.1 to 9, it is found that both petitioner Nos.2 and 3 suffer no disqualification from parenting the child in any way, their health and financial status being good. The adoptive parents have the capacity and right to adopt the minor male child. The petitioner No.1-Institution giving in adoption as the *de facto* guardian has the capacity to do so. The male child Pratik is also capable of being adopted under the provisions of the Act. As recommended by the CWC, Khordha under Ext.3 and the Odisha State Council for Child Welfare, Bhubaneswar under Ext.9, the adoption should be in the welfare and interest of the child. It is further revealed from the relevant documents, coupled with the evidence of P.Ws.1, 2 & 3, relating to the social and financial status of the intending parents, their consent and desire to adopt the child and the Home Study Report etc. that petitioner Nos.2 & 3 will provide emotional security and best upbringing to the child. All these establish that the interest of the child's welfare and security would be best served if he is given in adoption to petitioner Nos.2 & 3.

9. In view of above discussion, the application is allowed. The petitioner No.1-Institution is permitted to give the minor male child **PRATIK** to petitioner Nos.2 and 3 in adoption subject to execution of a registered deed of adoption

by petitioner Nos.2 and 3 in favour of the aforesaid minor male child within three months from the date of this order, conferring all the legal rights of a natural born child on the said child and submit the copy of the deed of adoption to the petitioner No.1-Institution and to this Court. Petitioner Nos.2 and 3 are further directed to furnish half-yearly report on the physical and intellectual development regarding the affairs of the adopted child to the petitioner No.1-Institution and the Odisha State Counsel for Child Welfare, Bhubaneswar. No cost.

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Dictated & corrected by me.

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List of witnesses examined:

P.W.1 -- Niranjan Mohanty,
P.W.2 -- Sankarlal Agrawal &
P.W.3 -- Mamta Agrawal.

List of documents admitted in evidence:

Ext.1 -- Child Study Report,
Ext.2 -- Home Study Report,
Ext.3 -- Release Order for adoption of child,
Ext.4 -- Medical Report of petitioner No.2,
Ext.5 -- Medical Report of petitioner No.3,
Ext.6 -- Foster Care Agreement,
Ext.7 -- Income Certificate of petitioner No.2,

Ext.7/a -- Income Certificate of petitioner No.3,
Ext.8 -- Certificate of recognition,
Ext.9 -- Scrutiny report, &
Mark 'X' -- Joint photograph of petitioner Nos.2 & 3.

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