

Acronyms

ACPO	Association of Chief Police Officers (UK)
AHTU	Anti Human Trafficking Unit
CARA	Central Adoption resource Agency
CBI	Central Bureau of Investigation
CCNTS	Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System
CID	Criminal Investigation Department
CIF	Childline India Foundation
CLPRA	Child Labour Prohibition and Regulation Act
CMRA	Child Marriage restraint Act
CRC	Convention on Rights of the Child
CSE	Commercial Sexual Exploitation
CWC	Child Welfare Committee
DCP	Deputy Commissioner of Police
DCPU	District Child Protection Unit
DCWC	Documentation Centre for Women and Children
DMPU	District Missing Persons Unit
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic Acid
FIR	First Information Report
GRP	General Railway Police
HDI	Human Development Index
HMGA	Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act
ICDS	Integrated Child Development Scheme
ICPS	Integrated Child Protection Scheme
ICARA	International Child Abduction Remedies Act
IPC	Indian Penal Code
JAPU	Juvenile Aid Police Unit
JJA	Juvenile Justice Act

JJB	Juvenile Justice Board
NCIC	National Crime Information Centre (USA)
NCMC	National Centre for Missing Children
NCPCR	National Commission for the protection of Child Rights
NCMEC	National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (USA)
NCR	National Capital Region
NCRB	National Crime Records Bureau
NCW	National Council for Women
NHRC	National Human Rights Commission
NISMART	National Incidence Study on Missing, Abducted, Runaway, and Thrownaway Children in America
NPC	National Policy for Children
OJJDP	Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (USA)
PACT	Parents and Children Together (UK)
RTI	Right to Information
SCPCR	State Commission for protection of Child Rights
SHRC	State Human Rights Commission
SJPU	Special Juvenile Police Unit
TIS	Talash Information Services
UN	United Nations
ZIPNET	Zonal Integrated Police Network

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE FOR PARENTS OF MISSING CHILD

BACKGROUND OF THE MISSING CHILD

1. Age of the child when missing

- a. 0-3 b. 4-8 c. 9-12 d. 13-18

2. Occupation of respondent parents

- a. service b. daily wager c. self-employed

3. Total Annual Income:

- a. 1-2 lacs b. 2-3 lacs c. More than 4 lacs

4. Marital Status

- a. married b. separated c. divorced d. widowed

5. Which best describes your household?

- a. Both parents present, married
b. Single parent, mother only
c. Single parent, father only

6. What is the general level of adjustment in the household?

- a. Very good- things are fairly harmonious at home
b. Fairly good, problems from time to time but nothing serious
c. Somewhat poor- there are some problems which needs attention
d. Very poor- there are many serious issues, intervention is needed

BEHAVIOR OF CHILD

7. How well does the child usually behave at home?

- a. very well- problem behaviour not a concern

- b. Fairly well- minor problem behavior
- c. Fair- some problem behavior need attention
- d. Poor- serious problem behavior, needs intervention

8. Does the child behave in the following ways?

- a. Argues excessively with parent/parents
- b. Has frequent temper tantrums
- c. Fights excessively with siblings/other children
- d. Has friends you don't approve of
- e. Refuses to follow rules as to where not to go
- f. None of these traits

9. How would you rate academic performance at school?

- a. Does not attend school
- b. Excellent
- c. Good (above average)
- d. Average. Poor (below average)

10. How would you rate child's behavior at school?

- a. Does not attend school
- b. Excellent
- c. Good
- d. Average
- e. Fair
- f. Poor

11. What does child do during spare time during the day?

- a. Does not have any spare time
- b. Does homework
- c. Plays with friends
- d. Watches tv at home
- e. None
- f. Other

12. Has the child been involved in any such activities: and frequency in the past year

- a. Skipping school
- b. Stealing money
- c. Begging
- d. Consuming alcohol/drugs
- e. None of these

POLICE RESPONSE

13. How did you initially contact the police?

- a. Called emergency or 100 number
- b. Walked into police station
- c. Approached a police officer on the street

14. The first time you spoke to the police, did they do any of the following?

- a. Told you to call or come back later
- b. Took basic identifying information about the incident
- c. Suggested ways to look for your child
- d. Did not respond

15. When the officer came to take your report or when you went to the station to make your report, did someone do any of the following?

- a. Took basic information along with child's photo
- b. Asked for friends/relatives to contact
- c. Searched house/ neighbourhood
- d. Put out an announcement

16. Did the police give you any of the following instructions?

- a. Suggest where to look for the child
- b. Suggest you call child's friends /relatives
- c. Describe investigative process

d. Tell you where to contact about more information

17. What is your overall satisfaction with the response of the police

- a. Extremely satisfied
- b. Fairly satisfied
- c. Not satisfied

PARENTAL DESCRIPTION OF THE EPISODE

18. Which of the following best describes the incident?

- a. Runaway
- b. Family abduction
- c. Stranger abduction
- d. Lost or otherwise missing
- e. Unknown

19. What first made you think your child was missing?

- a. Did not return home from school
- b. Did not return home by mealtime
- c. Did not return home by bedtime
- d. Was gone overnight

20. Did any of the following occur prior to child going missing?

- a. Argument about money
- b. Scolding by parents over watching television
- c. Scolding by parent over school performance
- d. Disapproval of child's romantic relationship
- e. None of the above

PARENTAL CONCERNS

21. How has the child going missing affected you financially?

- a. Moderate- slight change in finances
- b. Serious- unable to afford some necessities
- c. Extreme- unable to afford many necessities

22. What are the psychological reactions you experience since your child went missing?

- a. Disturbed sleep
- b. Repeated dreams of the missing child
- c. Sudden feelings of anxiety

23. What is the level of your expectation in the return of your child?

- a. Very hopeful
- b. Moderately hopeful
- c. No hope at all