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Home Office Response to IAGCI Review

India: Responses to COI Requests (February 2013–January 2015)

20 April 2015

Review Conclusions/ Recommendations		Response	Home Office Comments
1.	Overall comments on COI Request responses: Suggestion: Where possible the responses should ensure a balance of international and local sources.	Partially Accepted	Whilst we agree in principle – and endeavour to provide a wide range of sources – it is not always possible for a variety of reasons, such as availability and time.
2.	Overall comments on COI Request responses: Suggestion: Where information is not identified, and only background information is provided, this could be stated explicitly: 'ie no information specific to the issue raised in the request has been identified'	Accepted	Where specific information cannot be found, we usually do state so explicitly.
3.	09/14-16: Interfaith marriages More local sources could be relied upon...	Partially Accepted	The article quoted by the reviewer relates to a specific case. We would consider to what extent such a case is broadly representative, and whether it substantively adds to what has already been said.
4.	02/13-107: LTTE – Indian national On the prison sources, an NGO perspective could be added.	Partially Accepted	We did quote the Foreign Prisoner Support Service.
5.	02/13-107: LTTE – Indian national A cross-reference to the Home Office Country Information and Guidance India: Prison conditions (updated 2 September 2014) should be made.	Partially Accepted	The CIG on prison conditions in India had not yet been published at the time this COI Request was completed. However, we will make that cross-reference for future COIRs relating to the same or similar issues.

6.	06/13-026: Hinduism to Islam convert The reviewer has provided some suggested sources.	Partially Accepted	We appreciate the suggested material and will assess these sources and their content for future COIRs relating to the same or similar issues. However, in terms of the review of <i>this</i> response, the sources identified post-date the publication.
7.	01/15-020: Relationships between Indian and Pakistani nationals The response does not consider concretely whether a couple would experience difficulties in India because of their mixed Pakistani/Indian origins	Accepted	We will review the response and consider providing an update if the information is still required.
8.	05/15-159: Children with special needs The response provides information on the All India Institute for Speech and Hearing in Mysore and to 2,500 schools for children with special needs throughout India as well as children with hearing impairment. The response does not cite sources that could suggest whether the treatment would be appropriate.	Not Accepted	We believe the information provided was sufficient for the consideration of this case; it is for the Decision Maker to consider the question of appropriateness of the treatment, if required.
9.	05/14-071: Land crime Suggestion: A more precise and geographically nuanced perspective would be helpful	Accepted	We will review the response and consider providing an update if the information is still required.
10.	05/14-071: Land crime Suggestion: It would help to include headings for each answer	Accepted	In this example, we acknowledge that would have been preferable and will endeavour to do this in future, where appropriate.
11.	05/14-071: Land crime Suggested source: Australian RRT, 2011	Accepted	We will consider providing an update, including the source identified, if the information is still required.

12.	<p>10/14-072: Inter-caste marriages – Brahmin</p> <p>It would be helpful to include headings indicating each question of the request to which the cited sources respond to.</p>	Accepted	<p>In this example, we acknowledge that would have been preferable and will endeavour to do this in future, where appropriate.</p>
13.	<p>10/14-072: Inter-caste marriages – Brahmin</p> <p>Sources cited in para 3 (2003 book by Rathor stating that inter-caste and inter-religious marriage gaining ground; and 2006 UN survey) are outdated.</p>	Partially Accepted	<p>Caste traditions in India are very slow in changing and information quoted from these sources is still likely to be current.</p>