Child get reunited with her family after 8 years separation

Child Name: Babitha Singh (Gudiya)
Age: 13 years
Edu: 5th std.

Child family background:
Child family is basically dweller of Mirzapur U.P. Biological father of the child has died due to some serious disease when child was 2 years old. As her mother was young and had 2 small children, grandmother forced the daughter to do a 2nd marriage to give a better future for the children. As step father also loved the children very much, Babitha never thought that he is her step father.

When Babitha was 5 years old she was sent by her mother to Mumbai with his maternal aunt to her better education. One day when she was going to school along with her cousin, unfortunately she lost her way and got separated from her cousin. As she was new to that place she wandering on street and reached to Bhiwandi Railway station.

Child’s eight year life in Government Children Home:
At Bhiwandi Railway station, she was contacted by railway police. RPF tried to ask her about her family but as she was too small she was unable to give any information about her family. They referred her to Bhiwandi Govt. Home for further care and protection. GCH staff also put effort to talk to the child but due to fear and language problem child was unable to give any information. Staff assessed that she belongs to UP through the way of her language, so she was referred to Allahabad Shishu Grih for her settlement.

At Shishu Grih, Allahabad also she did not revealed any information about her family. She spent her 4 years in Shishu Grih and when she become 10 years old she was referred to Govt. Girls Home, Allahabad. She slowly started opening up with everyone. She was quite good in behavior with everybody but even though she was unable to give the information about her family and locality. As she was interested in studies, she got a education facility and she completed her 5th std. and took admission to 6th std.

SATHI’s intervention: Sathi counselor met the child at Government Home 2 months ago. Staff continuously started interacting with the child by doing meditation and drawing activities with her, so that she remembers her past.

Address tracing:
As and when days passed, Counselor tried to trace her address by asking her the name of her locality. The only thing she was remember is that she is from Kakraiya. Staff took a help from police to trace the
place Kakraiya but they also failed to trace. Staff again interacted with the child and tried to trace the name of her place. This time she draw a picture of a temple near to her home and told that her family used to go this **VINDHYCHAL Temple**. Staff suddenly came to know that child is belongs to Mirzapur or nearby locality. Child also shared that her grandmother is very famous in her village by name SURAIAH. Staff contacted Mirzapur control room and shared about the child and asked to help the child to trace her family. Control room staff Mr. Ajit Singh assured to help and within some hours her family got traced. When control room staff met child’s grand mother who was at home during then, she shed tears with happy by knowing her grandchild is safe and sound. Grandmother came along with child’s mother and maternal aunt came to receive the child on the same evening.

**Parents Counseling:**
When child and her parents came in front of each other they all started crying which was a an emotional environment. Child recognized to her mother and hugged her tightly. Staff interacted with her family. Her maternal aunt shared that she had filed an **FIR in Vile Parle police station, Mumbai** and they tried to search her everywhere but couldn’t find her anywhere. She also shared that villagers blamed her that she had sold the child in big city.

Her family even went to priest and visited hundreds of temple just to get her daughter back but every time they were helpless. But when the girl was handed over to her family they were very happy and thanked God and blessed the organization. It was an emotional reunion where everyone who gathered there shed their tears. They were very grateful to the organisation and said, ”Sathi is doing a great job by helping separated and lost children. They are like a ray of hope to the one who are wandering on the dark path of life. Thank you so much for handing over our daughter to us.”

**Home placement**
Child got reunited with her family after the 8 years of separation on 28th April 2016. Child’s mother, maternal aunt and grandmother were very happy to see the child after a long time. Sathi is planning to do the follow up every quarterly and to help if she is in need. Thanks to staff of Govt. Home, Child Welfare Committee, Police for helping to reunite Babitha with her family.