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Subject: Review of ICDS Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) for 2012-13: Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 November 2012 to discuss the State ICDS APIP with Govt. of Meghalaya - Reg.

A copy of the minutes of the above cited meeting is enclosed herewith for information and necessary action.



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- vii. FNB
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**Minutes of the meeting to discuss
State ICDS Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) for 2012-13 with
Government of Meghalaya held on 2 November 2012**

A meeting to discuss the State ICDS Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) for 2012-13 submitted by Govt. of Meghalaya was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD), Govt. of India (GoI) on **2 November 2012** (*Venue: Shastri Bhawan, Secretary's Chamber*). Director, Social Welfare Dept., Govt. of Meghalaya made a PowerPoint presentation on the State's annual implementation plan for 2012-13 outlining the key programmatic issues relating to ICDS implementation. *List of participants is annexed.*

2. In the APIP document, the State Government has identified some of the key constraints in ICDS programme implementation. State faces challenges in full coverage of ICDS services due to its difficult terrain; there is shortage of manpower especially at the district and block levels where one Supervisor has to supervise about 30-35 AWCs; low attendance in pre-school education at AWCs especially in urban and semi-urban areas because parents prefer to send their children to private/missionary schools; lack of infrastructure at block and village level - non-availability of proper buildings for setting up offices at project level; shortage of office equipments viz., computer, photocopier, fax machine, furniture and vehicles, etc.

3. Following major issues emerged during the discussion:

- a) State is yet to operationalise five AWCs, one of which is under litigation and the remaining four have been recently sanctioned during 2011-12 as Anganwadi on Demand (AoD). The State Govt. was requested to ensure full operationalization of all AWCs by 31 December 2012.
- b) State has about 60% of its operational AWCs in its own buildings. Out of 769 AWCs which are running either in *kuccha* building or at the AWW's house, the State plans to construct 70 AWC buildings out of the minority funds/BRGF. All operational AWCs have water supply, child friendly toilets and medicine supplies. It was suggested that the State may take all measures to improve the AWC infrastructure on priority and ensure convergence with water and sanitation programmes to provide these facilities to AWCs. A complete list of AWCs giving details of its infrastructure, potable water and sanitation facilities may be prepared on priority and the same be shared with the Deptt of Water Supply, Ministry of Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation and MWCD, Govt. of India and also be uploaded on the website.
- c) State has highlighted their need for IT support to ICDS including improving internet connectivity in each of the projects. The State has requested budgets for purchase of computers, scanner, printer, fax machines, and other basic office equipments as well as for vehicles and

mobile phone for AWWs/Supervisors for better monitoring and supervision of the programme implementation. It was suggested that the State may propose for these items in the next year's APIP.

- d) It was highlighted by the State that in some of far-flung areas, the Lady Supervisors are made to supervise more than 30-35 AWCs, which is much above the GoI norms of 25 AWCs per Supervisor. It is causing difficulties in effective monitoring and supervision as often the Supervisors have to walk on foot to reach the distant AWCs. It was noted that such situation arises due to non-inclusion of mini-AWCs while sanctioning the no. of posts for Supervisors. State Govt. was requested to send a proposal on this.
- e) It was noted that the State sends its SNP food samples to the FNB Labs at Kolkata for quality checks. It was suggested that the State may identify/tie-up with local health department's food testing institutions which would additionally provide quick assessment of quality of food samples and also reduce the costs involved in the process.
- f) State was requested to upload the SNP menus/recipes on its website for wider dissemination to general public.
- g) The State Govt. has so far not lifted food grains from the Wheat based Nutrition Programme (WBNP) of the GoI through which rice and wheat are provided at the subsidized rates. It was requested that the State may send their proposal on this clearly indicating the requirement of food grains.
- h) It was pointed out that the Statement of Expenditure (SoE) for ICDS (Gen) for the 1st quarter has not been received without which the 2nd instalment cannot be released. The State was requested to ensure timely submission of the SoEs both for ICDS (Gen) and SNP.
- i) As the WHO Growth charts and joint MCP cards have been rolled out in the State, it was suggested that the State may now emphasize on quality in growth monitoring of children and usage of joint MCP cards by the families.
- j) The State Govt. was informed about the issuance of guidelines on strengthening and restructuring of ICDS by GoI and was requested to take necessary measures to implement the revised norms in respect various existing items of expenditure from the current year itself. All other new interventions may be included in the next year's APIP.

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Annex: List of Participants

Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India

- 1) Shri Prem Narain, Secretary (WCD)
- 2) Dr. Shreeranjana, Joint Secretary (ICDS)
- 3) Dr. Dinesh Paul, Director, NIPCCD
- 4) Shri Gulshan Lal, Dy. Secretary
- 5) Shri Rakesh Kumar, Director
- 6) Dr. J.H. Panwal, Joint Technical Advisor, FNB
- 7) Shri Surendra Singh, Asstt. Technical Advisor, FNB
- 8) Dr. Saroj K. Adhikari, Asstt. Director
- 9) Shri Mrinmoy Thakur, Consultant
- 10) Ms. Nidhi Dhingra, Consultant

Govt. of Meghalaya

- 1) Shri T. Dkhar, Secretary, Social Welfare Department
- 2) Shri H. M. Shangpliang, Director
- 3) Ms. B. B. Nalle, Additional Director