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To

Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs in-charge of ICDS Scheme

Subject: Convergence guidelines for construction of Anganwadi Centres under MGNREGS.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to state that the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, one of the flagship programmes of the Government of India is in operation since 1975. The programme aims at addressing health, nutrition, early learning and the development needs of young children as well as pregnant and nursing mothers.

2. The Government of India has approved the Strengthening and Restructuring of the ICDS Scheme in a Mission Mode and continued implementation of the ICDS Scheme in the 12th Five Year Plan including construction of AWC buildings as a new component.

During the XIIth Plan period, buildings for 2 lakh AWCs would be constructed, funding for which would be provided @ Rs. 4.50 lakh per unit. The cost sharing ratio between the Centre and State for construction would be 75:25 excluding NER where it will be 90:10. Cost of the AWC building would be in accordance with the State Schedule of Rates (SOR).

It has also been decided to extend the rate for construction of AWC building @ Rs. 4.5 lakh per unit to NER States also.

In addition and separately, mandatory allotment of funds from state resources as well as leverage of funds under BRGF, MSDP, RIDF, IAP, MGNREGS, 13th Finance Commission, ACA, MLALAD and other similar schemes would be made for the construction of AWC buildings. Recently, construction of AWC building has been included as one of the approved activities under MGNREGS.

3. In view of construction of AWC buildings in convergence with MGNREGS, following modalities have been formulated for grant of funds:

- (i) The cost of construction of AWCs will be based on State SoR;
- (ii) The unit cost to be funded under ICDS shall be restricted to Rs. 4.5 lakh and the Govt share of 75%, i.e., Rs. 3,37,500 be payable to States in two instalments;
- (iii) The remaining cost of construction based on SoR exceeding Rs. 4.5 lakh may be met by the State Government either through convergence with MGNREGS or any other scheme of the Government or through State's own resources.

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