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To

Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries in-charge of ICDS (36 States/UTs)  
Commissioners/Directors in-charge of ICDS Training (36 States/UTs)

**Sub:- Strengthening of ICDS Training programme - Expansion of training infrastructure in the States/UTs - Reg.**

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, with the restructured ICDS, which has been approved in October 2012, the training needs of the ICDS functionaries have considerably increased due to proposed recruitment of over 4-7 lakh new AWWs/link workers. With a view to address this, there is an urgent need to augment the existing training infrastructure in the States viz., in respect of the Anganwadi Workers Training Centres (AWTCs) and Middle Level Training Centres (MLTCs). The existing number of AWTCs/MLTCs in the States is not adequate even to meet the requirement of refresher training of the incumbent functionaries. It was in this background that one of the key recommendations emerging from the National Consultation on Revision of ICDS Training held in October 2013 in New Delhi was to scale up the number of AWTCs from 500 to 1200 and MLTCs from 30 to 120 in the States **with special emphasis on all districts having at least one AWTC and all States having two MLTCs each in the next two years.**

2. Proposals in this regard are still awaited from the States. The States are, therefore, requested to immediately identify possible training centres, for recognition as AWTCs/MLTCs for training of ICDS functionaries. Proposals for opening of new training centres may be forwarded to MWCD for approval at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,



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