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**Subject: Review of ICDS Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) for 2012-13: Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 July 2012 to discuss the State ICDS APIP with Govt. of Tamil Nadu – Reg.**

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



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**Minutes of the meeting to discuss  
State ICDS Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) for 2012-13  
with Government of Tamil Nadu held on 16 July 2012**

A meeting to discuss the State ICDS Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) for 2012-13 submitted by Govt. of Tamil Nadu was held under the **Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD), Govt of India (GoI) on 16 July 2012** (*Venue: Shastri Bhawan, Secretary's Chamber*). **Principal Secretary, Deptt. of Social Welfare & Nutritious Meal Programme, Govt. of Tamil Nadu** made a PowerPoint presentation on the State's annual implementation plan for 2012-13 outlining the key programmatic issues relating to ICDS implementation as well as highlighting the new proposals for approval of GoI. *List of participants is annexed.*

2. In the APIP document, the State Govt. has identified some of the key constraints in the programme implementation. With the introduction of new schemes such as SABLA, IGMSY etc, it has become difficult to implement all of these with the same number of staff at the State HQs. Also, single AWW is unable to spend quality time for pre-school at AWCs or that for SABLA activities. The APIP document has highlighted some of the good practices in the State viz., adoption of severely underweight children for providing extra nutrition/diet by the panchayat members, corporate/NGOs etc. to help improve their nutritional status; in certain districts as part of community participation, mothers are encouraged to send their children with one vegetable each to the AWC and drop it in the common container (*Akshaya Patram*) which adds nutritional value to the cooked supplementary food; training of AWWs in the Montessori way of education in phased manner; up gradation of 20,000 AWCs with improved pre-school activities in convergence with SSA; modernization of AWCs by providing gas stoves, pressure cookers, storage bins, cooking vessels, etc out of the State's own budgets; etc.

3. Following major issues emerged during the discussion:

- a) The State's current policy of filling up of Supervisor's posts through 100% promotion of AWWs who are matriculate, needs a re-look, as it was felt that these AWWs may not be able cope up with the work of a Supervisor, who has an important role of providing supportive supervision to the AWWs as well as creating an effective bridge between the block and AWCs. The State may set minimum qualification criteria for the post of Supervisors.
- b) It was noted that since last few years, the ICDS training programme in the State has been considerably affected due to the late issuance of G.O. by the State Finance Department. Since the Tamil Nadu follows the decentralized

pattern of training whereby the ICDS functionaries (Supervisors) themselves impart the training to AWWs, unlike in other States where mostly NGO-run AWTCs do the same, trainings programmes for the AWWs/AWHs cannot be organized by the ICDS functionaries without receiving funds in advance. It was agreed that the approval of the State Training Action Plan (STRAP) by GoI would be given to the State first followed by release of first instalment of funds, to minimize the delay in getting the necessary G.O from the State Finance Deptt.

- c) It was suggested that the training of ICDS staff must include emerging issues such as decreasing child sex ratio and child abuse.
- d) On the State's request for additional funds for supplementary nutrition @ 0.4 p/child for the children between 6 months to 2 years, it was informed that the proposal for increase in SNP norms is under consideration by the GoI; in the meantime, the State Govt. may look into the other State models with detail cost break-ups.
- e) It was noted that the State Govt. has made significant stride in implementing the PSE component in ICDS. The State Govt. was requested to share their experience and results on this with the other States for cross-learning.
- f) The State's proposal for hiring of additional 79 vehicles as per the extant norms and within the allocated budget was agreed to.
- g) It was suggested that for various activities including construction of AWC or CDPO Buildings, the State may mobilize more resources under the CSR of corporates.
- h) The new proposals proposed by the State Govt in the APIP having additional financial implications, would be considered after due approval of the ICDS Restructuring proposal by the GoI.

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## **Annex: List of Participants**

### **Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt of India**

- 1) Ms Neela Gagnadharan, Secretary (*Chair*)
- 2) Dr. Shreeranjana, Joint Secretary
- 3) Shri H. S. Nanda, Dy. Secretary
- 4) Dr. Saroj K. Adhikari, Asstt. Director
- 5) Shri Mrinmoy Thakur, Consultant
- 6) Ms Nidhi Dhingra, Consultant

### **Govt. of Tamil Nadu**

- 1) Mr. Ashok Dongre, Principal Secretary (Social Welfare & Nutritious Meal Programme)
- 2) Mr. G. Ravindranath Singh, Dy. Director (ICDS)
- 3) Mr. S.C. Krishnamoorthy, Chief Accounts Officer

### **Also present:**

- 1) Ms. Madhu bala Sharma, Director, Deptt. WCD, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Dr. Onkar Singh Thakur, Programme Officer (HQs), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Ms. M. S. Jaya, Director, Deptt. of Social Welfare, Govt. of Kerala
- 4) Dr. P. Prathapam, Addl. Director (I/C), Deptt. of Social Welfare, Govt. of Kerala