



ABSTRACT

Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department – Integrated Child Development Services Scheme – introduction of School Readiness Programme in 2,873 Anganwadi Centres in the selected Blocks of five districts of Chennai, Perambalur, Tirunelveli, Trichirappalli and Villupuram – sanction of ₹93,57,440 under Part II Scheme for the year 2014-2015 – Orders – Issued.

Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme (SW-7(1) Department

G.O.(D) No.09

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Letter received from the Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme Roc.No.8500/NC-III/2014 Dated: 23.06.2014.

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ORDER:-

In the letter read above, the Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme has sent proposal stating that Pre-school Education component of the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme is universally recognized as a crucial input for sound foundation for development of a child. It also contributes to the universalization of primary education, by providing the child with necessary preparation for primary schooling. Despite efforts being taken from the attendance of children in the age group of 3-5 years seems to be shrinking due to the mushroom growth of nursery schools where English is taught. Social pressures and wrong notions about the superiority of nursery schools force parents to send their children to nursery schools. In order to combat this and to increase the enrolment in Anganwadi Centres, in addition to Tamil language, English language also would be taught in the Anganwadi Centres. So far, the Non-formal Pre-school Education (PSE) is provided under Integrated Child Development Services Scheme through play-way method for continuous period of three hours a day. However, the formal school education in the structured form of preschool education similar to private nursery schools has not been introduced at the Anganwadi Centres.

2. Hence, by the introduction of structured form of preschool education along with the Non Formal Pre-school Education (PSE), the children in the five selected Districts will have the improved writing competency when compared to private nursery schools. As these children are provided with colour uniform for the past one year since 2012-2013, upgrading them with additional inputs of school readiness will make their learning skills more effective with the following activities:-

- i. Development on English language, speech, discipline, healthy practices etc.
 - ii. Learning about alphabets, counting, drills etc.
 - iii. Regularity in attendance & punctuality.
 - iv. Involvement in existing pre-school activities
 - v. Parent's meeting will be conducted thrice in a year on 1st of January, May & September to facilitate them knowing about various pre-school related activities & serve as a platform to reduce dropout.
3. The introduction of English language and preparation for school readiness among Anganwadi children will increase the enrollment of children in Anganwadi Centres, make the children ready to attend school where the education is structured and formal inclusive of non-formal preschool activities. Introduction of school readiness activities will be started from the academic year of 2014-2015 in 2,873 Anganwadi Centres in the selected blocks of selected five districts. It is perceived that the introduction of English with basics of reading and writing along with Tamil Language and the methodology of Experience, Learning, Picture and Symbol (ELPS) method will ensure school readiness i.e., gradual and smooth transition from pre-primary to primary education which is structured and formal.

4. The number of Anganwadi centres in which school readiness programme is to be introduced is as detailed below:-

S. No	District	No. of blocks	No. of Anganwadi Centres	2 – 5 years children in Nos.
1	Chennai	5	590	12,230
2	Perambalur	4	467	12,442
3	Tirunelveli	5	567	12,286
4	Trichirappalli	5	621	18,005
5	Villupuram	5	628	18,881
	Total	24	2,873	73,844

The proposed expenditure is as follows:-

Details	Amount in ₹	Head of Account
Introduction of Teaching and Reading/Arithmetic readiness materials viz work book, crayons, water colour, sand paper, two/four lines note books for strokes, clay and beads, number cards, pencils. ₹2,000 per AWC x 2,873 AWCs	57,46,000	2236-02-101-JN-24 M&S
Tables and Chairs ₹1,000 per AWCx2,873 AWCs	28,73,000	2236-02-101-JN.05 OE. 05 Furniture
Assessment card for 73,844 children ₹10 per child x 73,844 children	7,38,440	2236-02-101-JN.71 Printing charges.
Total	93,57,440	-

5. The Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme has therefore requested the Government to sanction a sum of ₹93,57,440 for implementing the innovative scheme of School Readiness in 2,873 Anganwadi Centres during 2014-2015 on pilot basis in the selected five districts of Chennai, Perambalur, Tirunelveli, Trichirappalli and Villupuram.

6. After careful examination, Government issues the following orders:

i. accord sanction for a sum of ₹93,57,440 (Rupees ninety three lakh fifty seven thousand four hundred and forty only) towards the implementation of school readiness programme in 2,873 Anganwadi Centres in the selected five districts of Chennai, Perambalur, Tirunelveli, Trichirappalli and Villupuram as detailed in para 4 above under Part II Scheme for the year 2014-2015.

ii. The District Project Officers concerned are permitted to implement the innovative school readiness programme in the selected blocks in the five districts of Chennai, Perambalur, Tirunelveli, Trichirappalli and Villupuram as detailed in para 4 above under Part II Scheme for the year 2014-2015.

iii. The District Project Officers concerned are authorised to draw and incur the expenditure sanctioned in para 6(i) towards the implementation of school readiness programme in 2,873 Anganwadi Centres in the selected blocks in five districts of Chennai, Perambalur, Tirunelveli, Trichirappalli and Villupuram as per their requirement

iv. The Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme is permitted to make inter/intra District transfer of funds within Budget Allotment on the need base if any.

v. The Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme is instructed to submit the Utilisation Certificate to the Government.

7. The expenditure sanctioned in para 6 (i) above shall be debited under the following Head of Account:-

2236-Nutrition 02. Distribution of Nutritious food and Beverages-101. Special Nutrition Programme-Schemes in the Twelfth Five Year Plan-II. State Plan JN. Tamilnadu Integrated Child Development Services Scheme. Phase III.

i. 24. Material & Supplies ₹57,46,000
D.P.C 2236-02-101-JN-2401

ii. 05 OE.05 Furniture ₹28,73,000
D.P.C 2236-02-101-JN-0556

iii. 71. Printing charges ₹07,38,440
D.P.C 2236-02-101-JN-7102

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.1474/Fin(SW)/2014, Dated 19.01.2015.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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