



Social Welfare and
Nutritious Meal Programme
Department, Secretariat,
Chennai – 9.

Letter (Ms) No.25/SW-7(1)/2017, Dated 22.03.2018

From
Dr. K. Manivasan, I.A.S.,
Principal Secretary to Government

To
The Director,
Integrated Child Development Services Scheme,
Chennai 600 113.

Sir,

Sub: Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department – Integrated Child Development Services Scheme – procurement and supply of Korai mat to all Anganwadi Centres of the State to prevent Anganwadi children from the climatic condition of frequent rains etc. utilising the unspent amount available under the component of Pre School Education Kits – Permission - reg.

- Ref: 1. G.O.(D) No. 09, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme (SW-7(1) Department, Dated 02.03.2016.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.77, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme (SW-7(1) Department, Dated 25.10.2016.
3. Government Letter (Ms) No.73/SW-7(1)/2017, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department Dated. 01.11.2017.
4. Government Letter (Ms) No.03/SW-7(1)/2017, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department Dated 10.01.2018.
5. From the Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme Letter Roc. No. 14208/NC-3(1)/2017, Dated 08.12.2017 and 15.02.2018.

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In the Government Order 1st cited, orders have been issued for carrying out Early Childhood Care and Education activities and procurement of Pre School Education kits to all Anganwadi Centres for the year 2015-2016 to the tune of ₹ 1559.05 lakh.

2. In the Government Order 2nd cited, orders have also been issued for carrying out Early Childhood Care and Education activities and procurement of Pre School Education kits to all Anganwadi Centres for the year 2016-2017 to the tune of ₹ 1559.06 lakh.

3. In the letter 3rd and 4th cited, Government have permitted the Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme to authorise the DPOs/CDPOs concerned to procure and supply the mosquito nets to all Anganwadi Centres in 32 Districts at the total cost of ₹ 1,60,43,200 under integrated Child Development Services Scheme, utilising the unspent balance available under the component of Pre-School Education Kit and carryout the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Council activities for the year 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.

4. In the letter 5th cited, the Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme has sent proposal stating that various benefits are being provided by the Government to the Children who are attending the Pre-school inclusive of mats which is most essential provision in order to have nap by the children in the Anganwadi Centres. Mats were provided to all anganwadi centres during the year 2014-2015. Further during 2015-2016, mats were provided to flood affected 12 Districts and the expenditure was incurred through Flexi Funds meant for the Anganwadi centre. However, mats have not been provided to the Anganwadi Centres during the year 2016-2017. The mats have to be replaced periodically which gets damaged due to normal wear and tear in one or two years. Considering the present climatic condition and frequent rains, it is opined that Korai Mats need to be provided to all Anganwadi Centres in the best interest of the children. Taking into consideration of the various aspects, it is opined that two numbers of Korai Mat with colour border stitched with lace on four sides with a specification of 10 x 3 ½ feet may be procured @ ₹ 360 inclusive of transportation cost and 5% of applicable GST is ₹ 18 at the total cost ₹ 4,11,55,884 for the benefit of 13,35,139 Pre-school Children.

5. In this context, it is submitted that a sum of ₹ 395.67 lakh and ₹ 626.91 lakh is still available pertaining to the year 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 under the component of Pre School Education Kits and carryout the ECCE activities.

6. In the stated circumstances, Government permit the Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme to authorise the DPOs of all Districts to procure and supply the two korai mats per centre to 54,439 Anganwadi Centres at a total cost of ₹ 4,11,55,884 utilising the unspent balance available under the component of Pre School Education Kits and carryout the ECCE activities for the year 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 following the Tamilnadu transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Rules, 2000 with proposed specifications referred in para 4 above. The Korai Mats should conform to the specifications as contained in the proposal of Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme. Nodal Officers of the Directorate of Integrated Child Development Services Scheme shall visit the Districts to ensure the quality of mats.

Further, Government authorise the Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme to incur the expenditure from the unspent amount available under the component of Pre School Education Kits and carryout the ECCE activities for the year 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. The Government also permit the Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme to make inter-district/project transfer of funds based on the actual need/requirement within the overall Budget allocation. He is also instructed to send necessary Utilisation Certificate for incurring the expenditure.

Yours faithfully,

Rd. Shudamshri
22/03/2018

for Principal Secretary to Government

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All District Collectors/DPOs of ICDS,
through the Director, ICDS