



ABSTRACT

Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department – Integrated Child Development Services Scheme – Sanction of ₹5,44,39,000 towards the Flexi Fund at the rate of ₹1,000 per annum per Anganwadi Centre to 54,439 Anganwadi Centres for the year 2017- 2018- Orders – Issued.

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

G.O.(2D) No.27

Dated. 27.12.2017.

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Read:

- 1 Government of India Letter F.No.1-1/2009-CD-1, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Dated 18.05.2009 and 09.07.2010.
- 2 G.O.(Ms) No.38, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme (SW-7(1)) Department, Dated 26.03.2012.
- 3 G.O.(Ms) No.73, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme (SW-7(1)) Department, Dated 07.10.2016.
- 4 Administrative Approval of Government of India Letter No.CD-II-14/2/2017-CD-II, Dated 17.07.2017.
- 5 Government of India Letters No.CD-II-14/4/2017-CD-II, Dated 01.05.2017, 30.06.2017, 31.07.2017 and 27.09.2017.
- 6 Letter received from the Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme Roc.No.5389/NC-III/2017, Dated 22.05.2017 and 09.10.2017.
- 7 Letter received from the Government of India D.O. No.13/22/2015-CD-1, Dated 16.11.2017.

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ORDER:

In the letters first read above, Government of India have approved to provide an amount of ₹1,000 per annum per operational Anganwadi Centre / Mini Anganwadi centre as Flexi Fund to be operated by the Anganwadi Worker under Integrated Child Development Services Scheme. It has also been stated that the use of Flexi Fund could include activities like transportation of Integrated Child Development Services Scheme beneficiaries requiring urgent medical care, local innovations and community contact programmes, purchase of utensils, unforeseen referral services, emergency services etc., and the above list is only suggestive and not exhaustive. It has also been suggested that the State Government may formulate State specific modalities for use of this fund so as to ensure accountability. The expenditure incurred under the Flexi Fund may be reflected in the Statement of expenditure submitted to the Government of India. It may also be ensured that the amount is

easily available to Anganwadi Worker for meeting the expenses arising out of unforeseen circumstances at their own discretion. It could be maintained with the Anganwadi Worker for utilization with proper accounting mechanism.

2. In the Government Order second read above, based on the Government of India Guidelines, Government have also issued Physical Guidelines and Financial Modalities towards the utilisation of Flexi Fund and permitted the Commissioner, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme to include any urgent item on the specific needs of the area etc., within the Budgetary limit.

3. In the Government Order third read above, Government have accorded sanction for a sum of ₹5,44,39,000 towards the provision of Flexi Fund to 54,439 Anganwadi Centres at the rate of ₹1,000 per annum per Anganwadi Centre for carrying out the activities by following the physical guidelines and the financial modalities during 2016-2017.

4. In the letter fourth read above, Government of India have conveyed administrative approval in Annual Programme Implementation Plan for a sum of ₹43202.90 lakh inclusive of ₹544.39 lakh towards Flexi Fund to Anganwadi Centres in the sharing pattern of 60:40 during 2017-2018.

5. In the letters fifth read above, Government of India, have also released a sum of ₹249.64 crore of Grants in Aid under the General Integrated Child Development Services Scheme component towards the continuous implementation of ICDS programme for the year 2017-2018 and the same has been credited into Government Account.

6. In the letters sixth read above, the Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme has sent proposal for sanction of ₹5,44,39,000 in the sharing pattern of 60:40 to provide flexi fund @ ₹1,000 per Anganwadi Centre per annum to 54,439 operational Anganwadi Centres. The use of Flexi fund shall include the following activities.

Physical guidelines :-

- i. Good Practices, documentation, audio-visual CDs hiring to show cartoon/Nursery Rhymes/Movies etc., to Anganwadi Children at a cost not exceeding ₹150 per day, subject to maximum of 3 days in a year.
- ii. Transportation cost for referral of pregnant / nursing mothers in emergency and severely ailing children/ Malnourished children (0-6 years) for emergent medical care.
- iii. Observation of different "Community contact programmes/days" e.g. Nutrition Day/Week, Breast Feeding Day/Week, Village Health Nutrition Day, Hand Washing Day etc.
- iv. If any urgent item need to be added based on the specific needs of the area/district by District Programme Officers/Child Development Project Officers, the same may be allowed after getting prior permission of Director, Integrated Child Development Services within the budgetary limit.
- v. The flexi fund of ₹1,000 per annum per Anganwadi centre will be monitored by mothers group of the area consisting of two or three mothers.

Now, the Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme has also included the following programmes additionally in the guidelines.

- Wall painting in the Anganwadi Centres at the rate of ₹450 per centre mentioning the eligible quantity of weaning food to the beneficiaries.

Financial Modalities:-

- i. The total amount budgeted every year shall be distributed to the Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs) through District Programme Officers based on the numbers of operational Anganwadi Centres in the Project.
- ii. The Child Development Project Officers shall draw the amount and distribute the same to the Anganwadi Workers through ECS with proper record.
- iii. Year wise account Registers shall be maintained at the level of Anganwadi Centres by the Anganwadi Worker.
- iv. Each expenditure shall be entered in the Register supported by vouchers/ certificates/ documents/ justifications etc.,
- v. The Registers shall be annually verified by the Child Development Project Officers who shall certify the correctness and genuineness of expenditure.
- vi. The accounts at the Child Development Project Office and Anganwadi Centre shall be annually verified by the District Programme Officers from time to time.
- vii. The Utilization Certificate shall be submitted by Child Development Project Officers / District Programme Officers annually.
- viii. The accounts shall be subjected to audit by Departmental audit cell and Accountant General (Audit), Chennai.

7. In the letter seventh read above, Government of India have requested the States to utilize the provision of flexi fund for providing potable water through special provision like water filter etc., and to ensure provisions of potable water at Anganwadi Centres in the JE/AES affected Districts at least, so that the most vulnerable children at the Anganwadi Centres are prevented from JE/AES and also requested to intervene in the matter for effective reinforcement and issue necessary directions to all concerned to ensure that these measures are effectively taken-up in the State so that the incidences of JE/AES are minimized to a large extent for Anganwadi Centre going children.

8. After careful examination, Government accord sanction for a sum of ₹5,44,39,000 (Rupees Five crore Forty Four lakh and thirty nine thousand only) in the sharing pattern of 60:40 (60% of Government of India share ₹3,26,63,400 and 40% of State share ₹2,17,75,600) towards the provision of Flexi Fund to 54,439 Anganwadi Centres at the rate of ₹1,000 per Anganwadi Centre per annum to all Anganwadi Centres for the year 2017-2018 by following the physical guidelines excluding wall painting and inclusive of provision of potable water for Anganwadi Centres as insisted by Government of India and the financial modalities as detailed in para 6 above.

9. The expenditure sanctioned at para 8 above shall be debited under the following Head of account:-

"2236 Nutrition – 02 Distribution of nutritious food and beverages – 101 Special Nutrition Programmes - Schemes shared between State and Centre - UB Distribution of Flexi Fund to Anganwadi and Mini Anganwadi Centres - 05 Office Expenses - 02 Other Contingencies." (DPC 2236-02-101-UB 0522)

10. The Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme is permitted to authorise the District Programme Officers/Child Development Project Officers concerned to draw and incur the expenditure sanctioned in para 8 above as per the number of Anganwadi Centres in operation in their district.

11. The Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme is requested to furnish the utilization certificate and the action taken report to the Government at the appropriate stage.

12. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.64386/Fin(SW)/2017, Dated: 22.12.2017.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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To

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The Secretary to Government of India,

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