



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 ₹1000 per annum per Anganwadi Centre to 54,439 Anganwadi Centres for the year 2014-2015 - Orders – Issued.

Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme (SW7-1) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.41

Dated:19.08.2014  
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Read:

1. Letter received from the Government of India 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 (SW7) Department, Dated 26.03.2012
3. G.O.(Ms) No.08, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme (SW7) Department, Dated 14.2.2014.
4. Letter received from the Government of India F.No.4-16/2014-CD-II, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Dated 20.5.2014.
5. Letter received from Government of India, Ministry of Women and Child Development No.4-1/2012-CD-II, Dated 23.5.2014.
6. Letter received from the Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme Roc.No.8432/NC-III/2014, Dated 20.06.2014.

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ORDER:

In the letters 1st 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 2nd 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 3rd 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 including Mini Anganwadi centre for carrying out the activities by following the physical guidelines and the financial modalities for the year 2013-2014.

4. In the Letter 4th read above, Government of India have conveyed the administrative approval for ₹760.09 crore inclusive of ₹489.95 lakh as 90% of Government of India share towards the provision of Flexi fund to 54,439 Anganwadi Centres during 2014-2015.

5. In the letter 5th read above, Government of India have released a sum of ₹118.85 crore as Grants-in-aid under General Integrated Child Development Services Scheme for the year 2014-2015.

6. In the letter 6th read above, the Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme has sent proposal for sanction of ₹5,44,39,000 in the sharing pattern of 90:10 to provide Flexi fund @ ₹1000 per Anganwadi Centre per annum to 54,439 operational Anganwadi Centres. The Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme has also included two programmes additionally in the guidelines to celebrate Valaikappu of Pregnant Women/birthdays of children etc to create healthy bond with Anganwadi Centres and area programme for the welfare of Adolescent Girls. 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 of not exceeding ₹150 per day, subject to maximum of 3 days in a year.
- ii. Transportation cost for referral of pregnant mothers/nursing mother 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. Celebrating Valaikappu of Pregnant Women/birthdays of children etc. to create healthy bond with Anganwadi Centres.
- v. Any area programme for the welfare of Adolescent Girls.
- vi. 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 Principal Secretary /Commissioner, Integrated Child Development Services within the budgetary limit.

- vii. 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.

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 by means of cash with proper record.
  - iii. Year wise account registers shall be maintained at the level of Anganwadi Centres by the Anganwadi Worker and another Register to be maintained at the Block Level.
  - iv. Each expenditure shall be entered in the register supported by vouchers/ certificates/ documents/ justifications etc.,. Original vouchers to be kept at Anganwadi Centres for audit purposes and Xerox copies can be sent to Office of the Child Development Project Officers.
  - 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.
  - ix. The expenditure under Flexi fund may be incurred and recouped as per the Permanent Advance procedure laid down in Article 94-98 of Tamil Nadu Financial Code Volume-I.
7. 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) towards the provision of Flexi Fund to 54,439 Anganwadi Centres at the rate of ₹1,000 per annum per Anganwadi Centre including Mini Anganwadi centre for carrying out the activities by following the physical guidelines and the financial modalities as detailed in para 6 above.
8. The expenditure sanctioned at para 7 above shall be debited under the following Head of account:-
- "2236 Nutrition - 02. Distribution of Nutritious Food and Beverages - 101.Special Nutrition Programmes - Schemes in the Twelfth Five Year Plan - VI Schemes shared between State and Centre UB Distribution of Flexi Fund to Anganwadi and Mini Anganwadi Centres 05 Office Expenses 02 Other Contingencies." (D.P.C.No.2236-02-101-UB 05 22)

9. The expenditure sanctioned at para 7 above has already been provided in the Budget Estimate 2014-2015. The Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme is requested to claim 90% of the above amount as reimbursement from the Government of India as per the guidelines and is also requested to furnish the utilization certificate and the action taken report to the Government at the appropriate stage.

10. The Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme is permitted to authorize the District Programme Officer/Child Development Project Officer to draw and incur the amount sanctioned at para 7 above as per the number of Anganwadi Centres in operation in the district.

11. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.43770/Fin(Social Welfare)/2014, dated 13.8.2014.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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Secretary to Government

To  
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All DPO/Child Development Projects Officers  
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The Secretary to Government of India,  
Ministry of Women and Child Development, New Delhi-1  
The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai-35  
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The Resident Audit Officer, Secretariat, Chennai-9

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