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Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department – Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme (RGNCS) - Survey of "Functional Crèches" in the State – Taking over by the State Government – Administrative sanction of Rs.2,98,24,020/- accorded for fourth quarter of the year 2016-17 and financial sanction accorded for Rs.1,98,82,680/- towards Government of India's 60% share – Orders – Issued.

Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme (SW 6(1)) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.45

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Read:

1. From the Additional Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Women and Child Development, D.O. No. 1-3/2012-creche, dated 10.03.2015
2. From the Commissioner of Social Welfare, letter Roc. No. 19673/CW-5/2015, dated 12.06.2015 addressed to the Commissioner, ICDS.
3. From the Joint Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Women and Child Development, D.O. No. 1-3/2012-creche, dated 26.08.2015.
4. From the Joint Secretary, Tamil Nadu Social Welfare Board, letter Roc.No. 1190/I 4/2016, dated 21.09.2015.
5. From the Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Women and Child Development, D.O. No. CRE-12/14/2016-Creche, dated 28.10.2016 and even No. D.O. Letter dated 02.12.2016.
6. From the Joint Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Women and Child Development, CRE-12/14/2016-creche, dated 17.11.2016.
7. From the Joint Secretary, Tamil Nadu Social Welfare Board, letter Roc. No. 1190/I 4/2016, dated 09.12.2016.
8. G.O.(Ms) No.98, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme (SW 6(1)) Department, dated 30.12.2016.
9. From the Additional Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Women and Child Development, D.O.No.CRE 12/14/2016-creche dated 02.01.2017.
10. From the Under Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Women and Child Development, letter No.CRE/12-1/2017, Creche, dated 30.03.2017.
11. From the Joint Secretary to TNSWB, letter Roc NO.110/1-4/2016, dated 23.05.2017.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development of Government of India is implementing a Central Sector Scheme called Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme (RGNCS) for the Children of Working Mothers. The scheme provides day care to children (age group of 0-6 years) of working mothers belonging to families whose monthly income is not more than Rs.12,000/- The Scheme, inter-alia, also provides development services i.e., supplementary nutrition, health care inputs like immunization, polio drops and basic growth monitoring. The scheme is currently being implemented through two agencies, i.e., Central Social Welfare Board (an autonomous body under Ministry of Women and Child Development) and Indian Council for Child Welfare (Mother NGO).

2. The Joint Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Women and Child Development in his D.O. Letter third read above has stated that a meeting of EFC was held on 04.12.2014 for continuation and enhancement of financial norms of Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme. It has been decided that 10,000 Creches (approx.) will be merged in Anganwadi-cum-Creches under Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) and will be run under ICDS Schemes with effect from 01.01.2016. Keeping the above in view, the State Government/Union Territories were requested to carry out a survey and verify the number of crèches actually running in each district of State and to identify the nearest Anganwadi Centres under ICDS to the crèches under RGNCS alongwith exact location of crèches with GPS co-ordinates. The above details have been forwarded to Government of India (both by the State Government and Tamil Nadu Social Welfare Board) and the Government of India have accepted the same. He has also informed that the Government of India has decided that the crèches under the above scheme will run through the respective State/UT Governments and the grants will be released to the respective State/UT Governments instead of the existing implementing agencies i.e., CSWB and ICCW. **Accordingly, the revised system for release of grants will be effective w.e.f. 01.01.2017.** Hence, for implementation of the aforesaid system w.e.f. 01.01.2017 he has stated that the State Government has to take over all the crèches running under their State. Hence, the Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Women and Child Development has requested this State Government to issue appropriate directions to ensure that functional crèches are taken over on an **'as is where is basis'** and send the report in this regard so as to enable the Ministry to release the grants to this State well in time and also necessary action may be undertaken at the level of State Government to facilitate release of grants.

3. In pursuant to the above direction of Government of India, the Joint Secretary to Tamil Nadu Social Welfare Board in his letter seventh read above has sent the district wise detailed list of the Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Centres (Decentralized + Centralized) and ICCW Creches actually functioning in each district during 2016-2017 to be taken over by the State Government, **which are 958 (Decentralized + Centralized + BAJSS + ICCW).**

4. The Government examined the matter and agreed to the above Government of India directions and orders were issued as follows (vide G.O. eighth read above):-

- i) **to take over all the 958 "functional crèche centres" by the State Government, with immediate effect on 'as is where is basis' condition;**

- ii) **the Director-cum-Mission Director, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) is nominated/authorized to draw and disburse the Government of India grants to the aforesaid "958 functional crèches" w.e.f. 01.01.2017;**
- iii) **the Director-cum-Mission Director, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) is directed to send necessary proposal to the Government for issue of general guidelines for facilitating release of the aforesaid grants to the functional crèches, implementation/mode of utilization of such grants and forwarding of Utilization Certificate's to the Government of India etc.**

5. In the meantime before communicating the above Government Order, the Additional Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Women and Child Development in his D.O.Letter ninth read above has stated that the Ministry of Finance has also approved the revision of the scheme for running the crèches through the State Governments/UT Administrations w.e.f. 01.01.2017 **in the cost sharing basis of 60:40 between the Central and State Government/UTs** with legislature, 90:10 between the Central and State Government for the 8 North Eastern States and 3 Himalayan States and 100% by the Central Government for the Union Territories without legislature. Further, he has stated that before releasing the funds to the NGOs/VOs running the crèches, it may be ensured that the NGO/VO has settled its accounts for the period till 31.12.2016. The remaining grants for the last quarter of 2016-17 will be released on receipt of report from the State/UT regarding takeover of creches and the past liability with the implementing agencies i.e., Central Social Welfare Board (CSWB) and Indian Council for Child Welfare (ICCW) for the period from 01.04.2016 to 31.12.2016 will be settled by the Ministry of Women and Child Development on receipt of requisite documents from the implementing agencies as per the scheme guidelines and furnishing of settled accounts for the period till 31.12.2016 and requested the State Government to ensure that the creches are taken over immediately on "As is where is basis" to facilitate implementation of the scheme through the State Governments/UT Administrations w.e.f. 01.01.2017.

6. In view of the above letter, it has been decided to keep the issue of G.O. (Ms) No. 98, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department, dated 30.12.2016 in abeyance and to issue the same after detailed examination as to whether the revised sharing pattern of 60:40 as suggested by the Government of India above is acceptable or not and a detailed discussion was made with the Officials of Tamil Nadu Social Welfare Board (TNSWB) and Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS).

7. In the meantime, the Government of India, Ministry of Women and Child Development in their letter tenth read above has conveyed the sanction to the payment of Rs.2,23,79,160/- to the State Government of Tamil Nadu as 4th quarter grant-in-aid (60% GOI's share) for the year 2016-17 for running 1004 Creches under National Creche Scheme for Children of Working Mothers. He has further stated that the fund sharing pattern amongst the Central Government, State Government and

Organization/Institution running the Creches will be in the ratio 60:30:10 and sanction of funds is subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) The amount of the grant will have to be utilized for all components under the scheme as per the schematic norms.
- (ii) The State/UTs shall also be required to contribute their share for implementation of the National Creche Scheme.
- (iii) State Government shall conduct a survey to verify the existence and functioning of Creches and to release funds only to those Creches found functional as per their survey report. Unspent grants, if any, will be adjusted during the release of grants for the 1st quarter of 2017-18.
- (iv) Further, as per the scheme guidelines and NITI Aayog guidelines, State Governments shall ensure that the NGOs running the Creches are registered in the NGO-PS portal and have furnished details of Unique ID from NGO-PS portal. Aadhar number, PAN number, mobile number, E-mail ID of the office bearers before release of grants.

8. The Government again examined the matter in detail. The cost (both recurring and non-recurring) for running one creche is Rs.1,51,600/-. As per GOI's letter eighth read above, the sharing pattern is 60:30:10 [viz.,(GOI (60%) is Rs.90,960/-, State Government(30%) is Rs.45,480/-and NGO(10%) is Rs.15,160/-] and the total cost of running these 952 functional creches (as on 02.01.2017) is Rs.14,43,23,200/- (952xRs.1,51,600/-). The total break up details is furnished below:-

GOI's 60% Share	-	Rs.	8,65,93,920/-
State Govt's 30% Share	-	Rs.	4,32,96,960/-
NGO's 10% Contribution	-	Rs.	1,44,32,320/-
Total	-	Rs.	14,43,23,200/-

In the letter 10th read above, the Government of India has released a sum of Rs.2,23,79,160/- towards its share (60%) of assistance as 4th quarter of the year 2016-17 in respect of 1004 creches subject to the following condition among others, that State Government shall conduct a survey to verify the existence and functioning of creches and to release funds only to those creches found functional as per their survey report and unspent grants, if any will be adjusted during the release of grants for the 1st quarter 2017-18. In the letter 11th read above, it has now been reported by the Joint Secretary, TNSWB that as on date there are only "892 creches" functioning under the Central Social Welfare Board. The Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India has instructed to hand over the "892 Functional Creches" by 25.05.2017 to the State Government. Therefore, as per Government of India's conditions, funds can be released only to these "892 functional creches" which are actually running as on date and accordingly the Government of India share may have to be limited to Rs.1,98,82,680/- and the State's share may have to be limited to Rs.99,41,340/- and the total sanction may have to be accorded for an amount of Rs.2,98,24,020/- towards the fourth quarter of the year 2016-17.

9. After careful examination of the matter the Government issue orders as follows:-

- (i) The orders issued in G.O. (Ms) No. 98, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department, dated 30.12.2016 and kept in abeyance are hereby cancelled.
- (ii) Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme (RGNCS) of Government of India is the Scheme under which the existing "892 functional Creches" shall be taken over by the State Government on "as is where is basis" condition.
- (iii) As on date, there are 892 units (functional crèches) actually running and as per the Government of India's above sanction order, the grants should be released only to functional Creches and hence the Government of India's share is limited to Rs.1,98,82,680/- and the matching State's share is fixed at Rs.99,41,340/- Accordingly, administrative sanction is accorded for a sum of Rs.2,98,24,020/- towards grants for the fourth quarter of year 2016-17 for the implementation of the above scheme subject to the conditions prescribed by the Government of India. Financial sanction is accorded for a sum of Rs.1,98,82,680/- towards Government of India's 60% share. The state share 30% of Rs.99,41,340 will be sanctioned separately.
- (iv) The aforesaid creches will be continued with the NGO's till 31.03.2018.
- (v) The Director-cum-Mission Director, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) is nominated/authorized to draw and disburse the above grant to the concerned NGO running the aforesaid "892 functional creches" at present.
- (vi) The Director-cum-Mission Director, Integrated Child Development Services(ICDS) is directed to expedite a detailed proposal after making an assessment whether to continue with the NGOs or to be taken over by Integrated Child Development Services after a thorough evaluation beyond 31.03.2018 and also to conduct a survey to verify the existence of functional creches and for facilitating release of the grants to the functional creches beyond 31.03.2018 towards its implementation, mode of utilization of such grants, forwarding of Utilization Certificates to the Government of India etc., for issue of detailed guidelines by the Government.

10. The District wise list of 892 functional crèches taken over by the Government as ordered above is appended to this order as Annexure.

11. The Director-cum-Mission Director, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) is directed to take immediate action as ordered at para 9 above and to send compliance report immediately.

12. The amount sanctioned in para 9 shall be debited to the following head of account.

"2235-Social Security and Welfare. 02- Social Welfare – 102 Child Welfare – Scheme shared between State and Central – UD Assistance to creche under Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme (RGNCS) 09-Grants in Aid 03-Grants for Specific Scheme."

(DPC 2235 02 102 UD 0938)

13. Necessary funds of Rs.1,98,82,680/- will be provided in R.E/FMA 2017-18. Pending provision of such funds, the Director cum Mission Director of Integrated Child Development Services is authorized to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para 9 above. The Director cum Mission Director of Integrated Child Development Services shall include this items of expenditure while sending the proposal to Government in Finance(SW) Department for inclusion in R.E/FMA 2017-18. However this expenditure shall be brought to the notice of legislature by a specific inclusion in the Supplementary Estimates 2017-18. The Director cum Mission Director of Integrated Child Development Services shall send necessary draft explanatory notes to Government in Finance(SW/BG.I) Department for inclusion of this expenditure in the Supplementary Estimates 2017-2018 at appropriate time without fail.

14. The Director cum Mission Director of Integrated Child Development Services is the estimating, reconciling and controlling authority of the above new head of account. The Pay and Accounts Officer/Treasury Officer concerned are requested to open the above new sub-head of account in their book.

15. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.35064/Fin(SW)/2017, dated 17.07.2017 and ASL No.934 (Nine hundred and thirty four)

(By order of the Governor)

K.Manivasan,
Principal Secretary to Government.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Women and Child Development,
New Delhi.

The Director-cum-Mission Director,
Integrated Child Development Services,
Chennai-113

The Director of Social Welfare, Chennai-32.

The Director of Social Defence, Chennai-10.

The Accountant General, Chennai-18

The Pay and Account Officer, Chennai-1

The Joint Secretary,

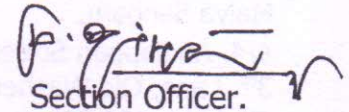
Tamil Nadu Social Welfare Board,
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The National Informatics Centre, Chennai-9.

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