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To

The Secretaries in-charge of ICDS in all the States/UT's.

Subject: Relocation of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) - regarding."

Sir/Madam,

Kindly recall the discussions held on 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi during the National Consultation on ICDS held under the chairpersonship of Minister, WCD.

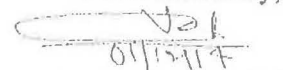
2. While emphasizing that all uncovered areas should be covered under the ICDS Scheme, States/UT's suggested that they be permitted to relocate Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) within the sanctioned strength without any reference to Government of India. Subsequently, a committee comprising representatives of States of Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and West Bengal was constituted to give their views/ recommendations on this and above issues.

3. The aforesaid Committee recommended that all uncovered areas should be covered under the ICDS Scheme to provide services to children at all work places like brick kiln, construction areas and slums. For this purpose, wherever necessary, AWCs may be relocated by the States/UTs within the existing sanctioned strength without reference to MWCD. The Committee further suggested that while doing so, States should ensure that relocation is done in such a manner that the existing Anganwadi Worker (AWW) is not required to travel more than 5 km in case of urban area, 3 km in rural and 1.5 km in tribal areas.

4. To ensure better delivery of services, the above recommendation of the Committee has been accepted in the Ministry. Accordingly, States/UTs may consider relocating the AWCs within the existing sanctioned strength as per their requirement without reference to MWCD.

5. While relocating AWCs, the aspect of availability of adequate land, building, water facilities, ease of access of pregnant woman and children besides, 'maximum travel distance not being more than 5 km in case of urban area, 3 km in rural and 1.5 km in tribal areas for the AWWs' may be kept in view.

Yours faithfully,



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