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To,

1. Principal Secretary/Secretary dealing with ICDS Scheme - 35 States/UTs
2. Director dealing with ICDS Scheme - 35 States/UTs.

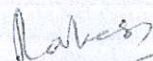
Subject: Guidelines for provision of Pre-School Education (PSE) Kits for Anganwadi Centers under ICDS Strengthening and Restructuring.

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, non-formal Pre-school Education (PSE) is one of the core services of ICDS Scheme. Under Restructured and Strengthened ICDS, the AWC is being repositioned as a 'Vibrant ECD Center' positioning Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE)" at the center stage, with added focus on care and early learning.

2. In this connection, please find enclosed a copy of the **Guidelines for provision of PSE Kits for Anganwadi Centers under ICDS Strengthening and Restructuring** for compliance.
3. I shall appreciate if the above said guidelines are strictly followed. Receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,



(Rakesh Kumar)

Director to the Government of India

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**Guidelines for provision of Pre-School Education (PSE) Kits for
Anganwadi Centres**

under ICDS Strengthening and Restructuring

The non-formal Pre-School Education (PSE) under the strengthened package of services is a crucial component under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme. It aims at holistic development of young children. The PSE under ICDS is imparted through a play based and activity based approach.

1. A developmentally and age appropriate contextualized curriculum has to be implemented focusing on all domains of development such as physical, motor, language, cognitive, social, emotional, personal and aesthetic appreciation and sensorial development. It has to be ensured that important learning areas are covered, taking care of all the developmental needs of the young child.
2. The transaction of this curriculum will be supported by the use of PSE Kit containing local and culturally relevant play and learning materials.
3. The following broad guidelines may be followed by the State Governments/UT Administrations to constitute the PSE kit.
 - 3.1 The PSE kit shall be provided each year for all operational Anganwadi Centres in the States/UTs@ Rs. 3000 per AWC per annum and Rs. 1500 per Mini-AWC per annum.
 - 3.2 The States/UTs may have the option of providing more than one kit or an enhanced kit with more components or qualitatively better components/ materials or having age appropriate TLM (Teaching Learning Material) in one or more kits or any other combination.
 - 3.3 A prototype list of the kit is being given herewith. The items and quantity mentioned in the list are only indicative and not exhaustive. The total items mentioned against each item does not necessarily mean same items (for e.g. 2 puppets means a puppet of monkey and a puppet of lion and not 2 puppets of monkey only). The items should be procured to provide as much variety as

possible while taking care of the relevance of the material for transacting an early childhood care and education programme. The States/UTs may consult experts of Early Childhood Education, SCERTs etc. for finalization of items in the kit keeping in view the specific local needs and resources.

- 3.4 The items in the kits should be available for conducting activities for large group, small group and individual children. The material should be in easy reach of the children so that the children can use the material during the free play/ choice time and individual activities. The Anganwadi Worker must organize and maintain the material properly. Children must also learn to take care of the materials.
- 3.5 In the multi-age setting the materials should be organized appropriately to cater to the developmental needs of all children attending the centre. The quantity of the material should be adequate to carry out small group activities. The Anganwadi worker must ensure that all the children get an opportunity to use the materials.
- 3.6 The material procured for the kit should be safe for children (nontoxic and without sharp edges etc), environmentally relevant, cost-effective, easy to maintain, and should foster holistic development in all domains such as sensory, physical, motor, language, cognitive, social, emotional, personal and aesthetic appreciation.
- 3.7 The Anganwadi worker, mothers, adolescent boys and girls and other relevant members of the community should be imparted training to develop play and learning material from locally available, cost effective raw material and also to be able to use resources from environment as play and learning material.
- 3.8 The PSE kit may be supplemented by involving local community and other stakeholders through voluntary efforts in establishment of toy banks, libraries, activity corners, song and story banks etc. using locally available resources with the help of parents, panchayats, youth clubs, local artisans and other community members.
- 3.9 The States/UTs may identify accredited groups such Shelter Homes, Self-help groups, Livelihood groups, Women's Home, Rehabilitation Centers, Folk artists groups etc. to create materials for PSE kit.

3.10 The Government of India releases Grant-in-aid to State Governments/UT Administrations from time to time for implementation of the ICDS (General) Scheme. The expenditure on procurement of the PSE kits should be met out of the grant released to the States/ UTs subject to the financial norms of Rs. 3000 per AWC per annum and Rs. 1500 per Mini-AWC per annum.

3.11. Each State/UT should ensure regular supply of PSE kits as per the indicative list and the expenditure made should be duly reported in the quarterly SoE (Statements of Expenditure) sent to MWCD.

Revised Norms for PSE KIT

Level	Financial Norm (Rs per kit per unit per annum)	Sharing Ratio (Centre: State)	Remarks
Anganwadi Centre	3,000	90:10	Procurement of kit would be done at State/UT level and suggestive items for PSE kit are mentioned below.
Mini Anganwadi Centre	1,500	90:10	

Suggestive Items for PSE Kit

S.No.	PSE Kit Components	Quantity per kit
1.	Puppet /Dolls for role plays	4 nos.
2.	Building Blocks (set of 40)	1 pack
3.	Props for dramatic play	5 props
4.	Strings and beads (coloured)	2 sets
5.	Pad, paper, coloured, A4 size, plain, 50 sheets	1 pack
6.	Memory game (set of 32 cards)	2 packs
7.	Slates	5 Nos.
8.	Educational toys (lacing animals)/ Puzzles (human body, animals etc)/ Shape cut outs etc.	4 sets
9.	Pre - reading/writing cards & flip books (set of 4)	1 set
10.	Story Flash cards/ Charts	5
11.	Clay/ Plasticine	5
12.	Colours (water, sketch, wax), paint brushes	5 sets
13.	Balls	5
14.	Local indigenous material as per requirement of activities planned	