

Guidelines for Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism at the State Government/UT Administration Level under Centrally Sponsored Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme

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To,

1. The Secretaries dealing with ICDS Scheme in all the State Govt./UT Administrations.
2. The Commissioners/Directors dealing with ICDS Scheme in all the State Govt./UT Administration.

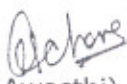
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Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, Government of India issued detailed guidelines to strengthen the existing Monitoring and Evaluation mechanism under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme vide this Ministry's letter No. 16-18/2000-ME dated 26th September 2000 and a provision of Rs.200/- per Anganwadi (operational) per annum was introduced.

2. Taking into account, the increase in cost over the years and strengthen the monitoring and evaluation mechanism under ICDS Scheme it has been decided to upwardly revise the norms from existing Rs.200/- to Rs.500/- per AWC per annum. Expenditure on account of strengthening the existing monitoring and evaluation mechanism may be incurred up to the ceiling fixed and as per the broad parameters set under the revised guidelines as enclosed.
3. All the State Governments/ UT Administrations are requested to carry out activities as per the revised guidelines. The expenditure incurred on account of strengthening the existing monitoring and evaluation mechanism may be met out of the Grants-in-aid released to the State Governments/ UT Administrations for implementation of ICDS Scheme, from time to time.
4. These revised guidelines are in supersession of the earlier guidelines issued vide this Ministry's letter No. 16-18/2000-ME dated 26th September 2000 and would be effective from the Financial Year 2009-10.
5. Receipt of the letter may please be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,


(A. S. Awasthi)
Director

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- iii) PS to JS(CD)/ Statistical Advisor
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1. Considering the size of ICDS, it is imperative that the Scheme is managed in terms of its inputs, outputs and outcomes. Monitoring and Evaluation are key management processes to assess and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the scheme by identifying gaps & shortcomings & consequently making improvements & changes required.

2. Till 2008-09, the provision for Monitoring & Evaluation mechanism was Rs.200 per AWC per annum. From 2009-10, the built-in monitoring system for promoting assessment, analysis and action at different levels is being strengthened by increasing the amount to Rs.500/- per AWC per annum. Thus if there are 10,000 Anganwadi Centres (operational) in the State/UT, then the total fund available at the State/UT Level per annum under this head would be Rs.50 lakh. The funds can be utilized as per priority or/ and in phases for activities listed below :

Activities :

- i) **Printing of various records:** Printing of revised records and registers (as communicated) maintained by Anganwadi Workers at Anganwadi Centers.
- ii) **Replacement/repair of weighing scales supplied at AWC:** Weighing scales supplied at AWCs can be repaired by meeting the cost out of this component. If any weighing scales become totally unserviceable and beyond economic repairs, these can also be replaced by new scales.
- iii) Computerization and Data Entry:
 - (a) For the purpose of computerization of Project Office/District Cell/State/UT, data entry of various data (MPR/APR) received from the project level at the Project Office/District level/State/UT level.
 - (b) Linking of the offices through internet/ e-mail.
- iv) Introduction of community based monitoring mechanism.
- v) Undertaking research/operational research/evaluation studies on ICDS at State/UT level.
- vi) The above list is indicative and not exhaustive. Other activities connected with monitoring and evaluation can also be undertaken with prior approval of GOI.

3. The expenditure for this head may be made out of the funds released to State Government/UT Administration for ICDS Scheme from time to time.

4. Separate account for this item may be maintained and Government of India may be informed in quarterly SOEs.

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