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Ministry of Human Resource Development

Department of Women & Child Development

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To

Secretaries Incharge of Women &
Child Development in all States/UTs

Subject : Provision of supplementary nutrition to all beneficiaries.

Instructions have been issued from to time for not only provision for supplementary nutrition for all beneficiaries but also to ensure that the supplementary nutrition is not denied to any of the beneficiaries and no distinction should be made amongst children below six years who are physically present at the Anganawadis. Instructions have also been issued that special attention should be paid to the needs of infants and lactating mothers in the delivery of supplementary nutrition component of ICDS. The need for therapeutic food has also been stressed from time to time. In this regard, attention is invited to the instructions dated 4.3.77, 26.5.77, 26.7.88 and 15.3.79. Attention all States/UTs is also invited to the instructions dated 29.12.76 and dated 30.11.1984 vide which guidelines for selection of beneficiaries for supplementary nutrition have been issued.

However, during audit of various States by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the period ending 31.3.1989, it has been observed that supplementary nutrition was not provided to all the beneficiaries. Shortfalls in coverage of women & children for provision of supplementary nutrition was also noticed by the C&AG during various test checks. In some projects, the nutrition programme was not implemented, even though the projects were operational. In some other cases it was observed that therapeutic food rich in calories and proteins was not supplied and in a very few projects limited supply of therapeutic food for severely malnourished children was made.

Since supplementary nutrition is a vital component of ICDS, it is once again reiterated that supplementary nutrition should be provided to all eligible beneficiaries as per Instructions issued by this Department from time to time and efforts should be made to ensure 100% coverage under the programme. The therapeutic food may also be provided wherever required to be provided.

Yours faithfully

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