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Govt. of India
Ministry of Women & Child Development

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
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To,

The Principle Secretaries/Secretaries of WCD Departments of all States/UTs

Subject: Modification with respect to guidelines of Saksham Anganwadi Centres – reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to state that as per various consultations held with the States/UTs and other Stakeholders, it has been decided to modify the guidelines with regard to upgradation of an Anganwadi Centre into Saksham Anganwadi as per the following:

(I) Prerequisites for an Anganwadi Centre to be considered for upgradation by States/UTs:

- a. Anganwadi Centre should be running in Government owned building (self-owned buildings, AWCs located in Panchayat Buildings or Community Centres or co-located with schools etc)
- b. Availability of Electricity/power supply
- c. Drinking Water Facility
- d. Functional Toilet
- e. Kitchen

States/UTs shall assess and ensure the availability of the above mentioned essential facilities before sending their proposals for upgradation of an Anganwadi.

(II) Components of Saksham Anganwadi Centre: For better delivery of nutrition and increased focus on Early Childhood Care and Education services to the beneficiaries, Saksham Anganwadi Centres shall be developed as Generation 2.0 Anganwadi Centres which should have the following components:

- i. **LED and other Audio Visual Aids with WiFi/Internet facility wherever feasible etc** - Audio visual aids play a significant role in early education by enhancing the learning experience for young children. Appropriate and relevant local language content through digital technology medium should be used for stimulating the creative, socio-emotional, cognitive and intellectual development of children. LED Screens and other audio-visual aids with WiFi/Internet facility, wherever feasible, may be procured for ensuring upgradation of an Anganwadi Centre from the rote learning methods of education towards providing a more immersive and effective learning and experiential environment which shall attract and engage more children to benefit from ECCE services and also help in making them school-ready.
- ii. **Water filtration system/ RO Machine etc** - Saksham Anganwadi Centre should be equipped with a robust water filtration system or an RO Machine which helps in ensuring safe and clean drinking water for children further reducing the risk of water borne diseases.
- iii. **BALA and ECCE Learning material etc** - This can include age appropriate locally available DIY toy kits for play based pedagogy, *shishu*-tables,

floor mat/dari, ECCE books, learning kits, imaginative play/art and craft corners, BALA (Building as Learning Aid) paintings etc.

iv. **Poshan Vatikas** - Poshan Vatikas (kitchen gardens and nutri-gardens) shall be set up at or near the selected Anganwadi Centres to meet the important diet - diversity gap by providing different green vegetables, fruits, nuts, herbs/medicinal herbs and vegetables as per seasonal/local requirements. The specification in respect of the setting up of Poshan Vatika may also be relaxed in terms of availability of space with the States/UTs.

v. **Other Components** -

- Rain water harvesting wherever required as well as feasible.
- Clean storage facility for provisions.
- Any other item/works as per local requirement of AWCs

(III) Funding mechanism: Funds @ Rs. 1 Lakh per AWC with inter se flexibility amongst the above components on the prescribed cost sharing basis.

2. While undertaking the upgradation of an AWC into a Saksham Anganwadi, States/UTs should ensure availability of adequate space so that smooth delivery of essential services under the scheme may not get hampered.

3. For the aforementioned upgradation of AWC into Saksham AWC, it is re-iterated that funds @ Rs. 1 Lakh per AWC with inter se flexibility amongst the components shall be provided on cost sharing basis. The funds released in the previous FYs for upgradation of Anganwadi Centre as Saksham Anganwadi centre are also eligible to be utilized as per the instant guidelines as mentioned above.

4. States/UTs must ensure that all the necessary pre-requisites and components stated above should be taken care of at the selection stage and during the course of upgradation of AWC to Saksham AWC respectively. Henceforth, the proposals for upgradation of Anganwadi Centre to Saksham Anganwadi shall be submitted keeping in view the above mentioned criteria.

5. For regular monitoring of upgraded Saksham Anganwadi centres, separate indicators are being developed in the Poshan Tracker. States/UTs are requested to ensure that the requisite indicators for the upgraded Saksham Anganwadi Centre are properly fed in the Poshan Tracker with necessary checks at the appropriate level in State/UT. Detailed instructions regarding the same would be communicated separately in due course.

6. This issues with approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

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14/08/2024

Deputy Secretary (Anganwadi Services)

Copy to:

1. The Directors dealing with Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0
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