

STATE MINISTERS CONFERENCE
20TH TO 22nd JULY, 2011

Agenda: Points for discussions.

I. Status of operationalization of AWCs, causes and constraints.

- Adherence to revised population norms.
- Coverage of all SC/ST/minority areas.
- Issues of social inclusion, if any, community dialogue and reconciliation.
- Notifying location of AWC, name, details of AWW on website.
- Mapping (GIS; ground)

II. Human Resource issues

- Vacancies in various grades. – steps taken/proposed for filling up with time lines.
- Dedicated cadre and team for ICDS functionaries and tenure stability.
- Diversion of manpower on non-ICDS functions – steps taken/proposed to be taken.
- Constitution of the Selection Committees for selection of AWW/AWH and exclusion of MPs/MLAs there from - Reforms required.

III. Welfare issues of frontline workers.

- Anganwadi Karyakarti Bima Yojana – Effective coordination for reaching out full benefits.

- **Uniform – delay in giving uniform – reasons steps taken/proposed and timelines.**

IV. SNP

- **No. of days SNP is given in a month.**
- **Method of delivery of SNP.**
- **Non adherence to the nutritional and cost norms.**
- **Cooking arrangement.**
- **Arrangement for supply of Hot cooked meal, morning snacks, etc. - reasons for delay in giving HCM and morning snacks.**
- **Regularity in distribution.**
- **Disruption in supply of SNP; causes for disruption - whether monetary or logistic or social. Action taken/proposed; steps for improving SNP delivery.**
- **Distribution of SNP is proposed to manage reduction in wastage.**

V. Pre-school education

- Systems, policy and curriculum, motivation – steps proposed/taken to lay emphasis.
- Procurement and availability of PSE kits, contents,.
- Development of local materials – parents and community involvement.
- Constant evaluation of Pedagogy and methodology and activity.

VI. Health & Nutrition education

- Arrangement for holding at least one health and nutrition education session per month.

- Awareness generation on nutrition, sanitation and safe drinking water.
- Home visits by AWWs – intensity and arrangement.
- Local IEC campaign – steps taken and required to generate awareness in nutrition.
- Steps taken for handling malnourished children and women and for prevention of malnutrition.

VII. Growth monitoring and Joint MCP card.

- Progress: reasons for delay; steps taken/proposed and timeline for completion.
- Strategies adopted/proposed by States for management of moderate and severally undernourished children.
- Linkage with health for treatment of severally undernourished children and nutrition counseling.

VIII Health issues

- Focus and coverage of children in 0-3 years age.
- Referral system in vogue and need for improvement.
- Supply of IFA tablets, Vit-A at AWCs.
- Holding of NRHM meetings; ensuring working relationships; collateral responsibility and response.
- Representation of all AWWs in VHSNC.

IX Convergence issues

- Linkages with health sector and counseling of parents.
- Coordination between health and ICDS functionaries.

- Joint home visits and IPC.
- Joint training of AWWs and ASHA/ANMs.
- Joint IEC campaign.

X. Community and Panchayati Raj involvement

- In monitoring.
- In Nutrition and health education.
- In tracking of children.

XI Financial management

- Arrangements for timely payment of honoraria and SNP.
- SOEs not received in time and even incomplete.
- Utilization of funds earmarked under heads other than salary, rent, vehicles and SNP - steps taken and proposed for improving item wise, component wise expenditure for POL, Medical kit, PSE kits, rent, IEC, contingency, monitoring, other, flexi fund.
- Mismatch in SoE and MPR figures.

XII Infrastructural issues

- **Construction of AWCs by using the State resources, MPLADS, MLALADS and other schemes of GOI to the extent possible.**
- **Health, sanitation and drinking water facilities.**
- **Availability of land for construction of AWCs through local bodies.**

- **Number of AWCs operating from owned/rented bldgs; details of kuccha/puca buildings.**
- **Steps required to consolidate AWCs as the first village/habitation post for health, nutrition and early learning and also in view of SABLA and IGMSY.**

XIII Monitoring

- Status of implementation of monitoring guidelines issued in October, 2010 and on 31.3.2011.

XIV Malnutrition

Institutional arrangements – status.

- Steps taken for putting up of State Council, State Executive Committee and District Councils
- Steps initiated to bring nutrition focus in development programmes and monitoring - identifying gaps.
- Management of under-nourished children.
- Arrangements at the AWCs.

XV Any other important issue relating to ICDS

- Suggestions to improve management, programme and the delivery of the programme.