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Government of India
Ministry of Women & Child Development

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001.
Dated: 26th November 2010.

To

The Secretary,
Deptt. of Social Security,
Women & Child Dev.,
Govt. of Punjab, Room No.607,
6th Floor, Mini Secretariat, Sector-9,
CHANDIGARH-160 017.

Sub:- Anganwadi Workers/Helpers to contest the local bodies/Panchayat elections-Clarification reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.S-11-A/2010/32603 dated 11th October 2010 on the subject mentioned above and to say that the Government of India had issued guidelines in this regard vide Ministry's letter of even number 26th May 2010 read with Corrigendum of even number dated 4.6.2010, stating that in case the AWW/AWH win an election, it may not be appropriate for her to discharge, concurrently, duties both in the capacity of an elected member of panchayat/local body as well as an AWW/AWH under the ICDS Scheme. This would necessarily take her away from the core activities and would affect the delivery of the services adversely under the ICDS Scheme.

2. This clarification/guideline was issued in view of the principles involved in the matter as stated in the letter and would apply to all such cases. The incumbents, therefore, have the choice to opt for either of the positions.

Yours faithfully,


(Jatinder Kaur)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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