

No.1-5/2011-CD-I
Government of India
Ministry of Women & Child Development

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001.
Dated: 3rd June 2011.

To

The Principal Secretary
Deptt. of Women & Child Development
Govt. of Maharashtra
3rd Floor, New Administrative Building
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.

Sub:- Caste based reservations for Anganwadi Workers and Helpers

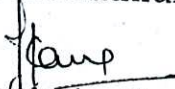
Madam,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.O.W No.ICDS-2011/C.R.178/D-6 dated 29th April 2011 on the above mentioned subject.

2. As per the ICDS guidelines, AWWs/AWHs are honorary workers from local community who come forward to render their services on a part-time basis. She should be a lady from the local village and acceptable in the local community. Special care should be taken in her selection so that the children of SCs and other weaker sections of the society are ensured free access to the Anganwadi. Since, these grass-root functionaries are voluntary workers from the local community and are honorary workers under the Scheme, any attempt to introduce reservation in the selection system would compromise their honorary status under the Scheme.

3. As the ICDS Scheme is open to all, no reservation in selection of honorary workers is applicable.

Yours faithfully,


(Jatinder Kaur)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Copy to:- Secretaries of all States/UTs dealing with ICDS Scheme

O/S

Issued by Speed Post
As per list
3/6/11