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Dear

As you may be aware, the Ministry has been contemplating development of Annual Programme Implementation Plans (APIPs) for the ICDS Scheme by each of the States/UTs. In a recent meeting of the National Nutrition Council chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister held on 24th November, 2010, the Ministry has been given the go-ahead for initiating preparation of the State APIPs from 2011-12 onwards as a first step towards strengthening and restructuring the ICDS programme. Since this is a new beginning, States/UTs will prepare the APiP on key issues/points relating the programme in the first year.

The key objective of this process is (i) to strengthen the existing programme management, planning and implementation to help accelerate better programme outcomes as envisaged in the ICDS objectives; (ii) to strengthen the existing monitoring of the programme implementation through tracking of expenditures against physical targets; (iii) to acknowledge and capture the diversity across the 35 States/UTs in respect of health, nutritional needs of women and children and also pre-school needs of 3-6 years olds and their feasible responses; and (iv) to facilitate States to develop State specific strategies/interventions in respect of various programme components of ICDS in general and to achieve the health, nutritional and early learning outcomes through monitorable processes and indicators.

A draft APiP framework with requisite templates has been developed by the Ministry. It has been shared with the States in December 2009 and was discussed in the review meetings in June, 2010 and, later, in the special consultations on 16th and 21st December, 2010 with the selected States/UTs. This has been revised by incorporating comments given by the States (copy enclosed). This is available at the MWCD's website; wcd.nic.in. The APiP inter-alia, includes a detailed financial management plan along with minor heads for different programme components/activities that are used by the State Government/UT Administrations.

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I request you to kindly instruct the State Secretary to initiate the work for preparation of State APIP for 2011-12 and submit the draft by 20th March, 2011. The State Government would be separately requested to present the details of draft APIP before a designated Committee under my chairmanship sometimes in April 2011.

In case of any clarification on APIP, you may ask the State Secretary to feel free to contact the team led by Dr. Shreerajan, Joint Secretary(CDN), MWCD.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

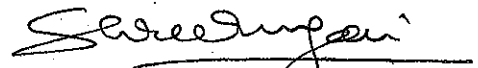


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Encl : As above

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action.



(Dr. Shreerajan)
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