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C I R C U L A R

Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme is one of the flagship programmes of the Government of India. The scheme is basically intended to ensure the holistic development of the children below six years of age. The objective of the scheme are to (i) improve the nutritional and Health status of pre-school children in the age group of 0-6 years (ii) to lay the foundation of proper psychological development of the child (iii) to reduce the incidence of mortality, morbidity, malnutrition and school dropout (iv) to achieve effective coordination of policy and implementation amongst various departments to promote child development and (v) to enhance the capability of the mother to look after the normal health and nutritional needs of the child through proper nutrition and health education.

Now under restructured frame work of ICDS, Department has been entrusted to make Early Child hood care and Development by way of promoting optimal Development and active learning capacity of children below 6 years besides, counselling the care givers and coordinating with various line departments.

To achieve these objectives Anganwadi Workers from the local community have been engaged on paltry amount of Rs. 3600/- per month.

Whereas, it has been learnt that service of some Anganwadi Workers are being utilized for non ICDS activities which is violation of Apex Court Order dated:- 13-12-2006 conveyed by Union Minister for Women and Child Development Government of India vide letter NO:- 19-18/2009-CD-I dated:- 15th June, 2010. (Copy enclosed for reference)

For non-compliance of Apex Court Order regarding engagement of AWWs for non-ICDS works, Union Ministry for Women and Child Development GOI has


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conveyed her displeasure to the State Chief Minister vide D.O letter No: 12/1/2016-CD-I dated:- June15, 2016. (copy enclosed for reference)

In the backdrop of above, Chief Minister J&K vide D.O letter No:- PS/DS/HCM/2016-161 dated:- 26-07-2016 has directed to adhere to the ICDS guidelines and orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for utilization of services of AWW for non ICDS function.

Accordingly, it is impressed upon all concerned to ensure that the order of the Apex court and directions from the Union Ministry are upheld and utilization of services of Anganwadi Workers for non ICDS works is not negotiated at any cost. District Programme Officers and Child Development Project Officers found violating the guidelines or directions of the Hon'ble court will be liable for disciplinary action under J&K Conduct Rules.


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Dated: 23 -12-2016

Copy to the:

- 1 Principal Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India New Delhi for information.
- 2 Secretary to the Government, Social Welfare Department, J&K Jammu for information.
- 3 District Development Commission _____(all) for information.
- 4 Director, Social Welfare Department Kashmir/Jammu for information.
- 5 District Programme Officer, ICDS _____(all) for information
- 6 Deputy Director, ICDS Jammu/Kashmir for information.
- 7 Child Development Project Officer _____ (all) for information and necessary action.
- 8 Office file.