

Minutes of the National Workshop for State/UT Nodal Officers and other Functionaries on implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) held on 31.10.2017 at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra, New Delhi

A National Workshop for State/UT Nodal Officers and other Functionaries on implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) was held on 31.10.2017 at Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra, New Delhi. Participants from various States/UTs, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, M/o Panchayati Raj, NITI Aayog, PFMS Cell under O/o Controller General of Accounts and National Informatics Center (NIC) attended the meeting. A list of participant is attached.

2. Joint Secretary (PMMVY) delivered welcome address. Thereafter, Secretary, MWCD informed that preliminary workshop on PMMVY-CAS was held on 19.05.2017 the day on which approval of the scheme was issued. He informed that the scheme is being implemented through DBT mode since its inception and is being monitored at various levels.

3. A Power Point Presentation focussing on PMMVY implementation guidelines was made by Director, PMMVY. In his presentation he has explained the various sections of the implementation guidelines viz target beneficiaries, filling of application forms and their submission, updation of details in PMMV-CAS, bunching of cases, intricacies of the conditionalities, provision available of old maternity benefit program beneficiaries, LGD, master data, verification tool for conditionalities etc. During the discussion the grievance redressal mechanism, escalation of grievances, handling exceptional cases etc. were clarified in detail.

4. A question answer session was conducted immediately after the Power Point Presentation given by Director (PMMVY). The issues raised and clarification provided by the Ministry during the session are as under:

Name of the State/UT	Issues raised	Clarification provided by the Ministry
Uttar Pradesh	Issue of using Flexi Funds for incentive to field functionaries.	The Flexi Funds are to be used as per the Ministry of Finance's guidelines for using Flexi Funds available in PMMVY implementation guidelines. They were also advised to devise guidelines for providing outcome based performance incentives to field functionaries for effective implementation of the scheme.
	If mother died after delivering the child. Who will get the third installment?	Nobody will receive the third instalment as the target group of the Scheme are Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers (PW&LM).

	If the beneficiary has done all the check-ups and has delivered the child in a private hospital.	If it is acceptable to the State Government, the Ministry has no objection.
Rajasthan	Whether CDPOs are required to have two separate IDs for PMMVY-CAS.	Two separate IDs are required for CDPOs on PMMVY-CAS for performing the roles of Data Entry Operator and Sanctioning Officer.
	Whether data can be exported from PMMVY-CAS for using the same in some other software.	No. As the consent from the beneficiary is for using is for PMMVY only.
	Cost sharing for between Centre and State for Flexi Fund	It is 60:40 between Centre and State across all components of PMMVY for the State /UTs with legislature except for NER including Sikkim and Himalayan States. For UTs without legislature it is hundred percent from Centre.
Puducherry	Whether funds transferred to the Escrow account of the State/UT is exclusively for maternity benefit component of PMMVY. What about the interest earned if any in ESCROW account?	Funds transferred to the Escrow account of the State/UT is exclusively for maternity benefit component of PMMVY. The interest, if any, earned on the funds available in the Escrow Account are also to be utilised for purpose of disbursing maternity benefit only.
	The date by which the various Committees required to formed under PMMVY.	The Committees prescribed under the Scheme Implementation Guidelines are to be constituted immediately for smooth implementation of the scheme.
Himachal Pradesh	How to clear the backlog of beneficiaries of old Maternity Benefit Programme?	Sufficient funds were available under Old maternity benefit program and States/UTs were authorized to use them up to 31.03.2017. The UC and SoE in respect of this amount should be

		submitted to the ministry immediately and remaining amount should be transferred to ESCROW Account. Since PMMVY is being implemented w.e.f. 01.01.2017 the beneficiaries of Old maternity benefit program who fulfill the eligibility criteria under PMMVY can avail benefits as per section 2.5 of Scheme Implementation Guidelines.
Haryana	Whether the scheme is to be implemented through PMMVY-CAS or through PFMS.	The PMMVY-CAS software has been integrated with the PFMS. Data entry is to be carried out on PMMVY-CAS and payments are to be made using PFMS. All the systems are interconnected at backend. After initial registration all the operations are to be performed on PMMVY-CAS as per details given in Software user manual.
Kerala	The beneficiary who has delivered her child on 01.01.2017 is eligible for how many installments.	<p>The beneficiary will be eligible for the third installment only.</p> <p>It was also clarified that for all purposes, including fulfillment of conditionalities, the cut-off date is 01.01.2017. However the beneficiaries who have fulfilled condition before above cut of date and there is possibility the same could have been fulfilled even after 01.01.2017 then they will not be denied maternity benefit under that installment.</p> <p>Case: Beneficiary X and Y have LMP date on 01.10.2016 and have registered their pregnancies on MCP Card 20.12.2016 and 20.01.2017 respectively which are within 150 days.</p> <p>In this case Y is eligible for first installment. But in case of X who she has completed conditionality well before the launch of PMMVY shall not be placed as disadvantage for early registration of her of her pregnancy and will also be eligible for first installment.</p> <p>Thus all the Pregnant Women who have early registration of pregnancy and 150 day from LMP fall upto 01.01.2017 will b eligible for first</p>

		installment. Similarly the window for second installment ANC before 01.01.2017 may be considered subject to delivery on or after 01.01.2017.
Odisha	Provision of D.E.O. at Block level.	There is no provision of hiring of D.E.O. The State/UT may devise their own mechanism which may be linked to performance or through some other mechanism
	Whether unwed mothers are not eligible?	No. The scheme is for first child in family and credentials of husband of the beneficiary shall be recorded.
Andhra Pradesh	Whether it is mandatory for the husband of the beneficiary to sign the form.	Obtaining signature of the Husband on the forms is mandatory. It can be obtained post or through other means communication including electronic one.
	Large number of forms are required to be printed for distribution to Anganwadi Centres / approved Health Facilities. From where we get funds for this activity.	The funds sanctioned for administrative expenses can be utilised for this purpose.
West Bengal	If a beneficiary delivers a child on 02.01.2017. Whether she can get 2 nd and 3 rd installments?	She can get 2 nd and 3 rd installment subject to fulfillment of eligibility and conditionalities. For further details please refer the clarification given in respect of issue raised by Kerala.

5. Besides, the issues mentioned in para 4 above, it was also clarified by the Software Development Team that there is an e-mail on which States/UTs can write on any technical issues related to PMMVY-CAS.

6. Secretary, MWCD also clarified that there might be some more issues which will emerge during the implementation of the Scheme. The States/UTs can approach the Ministry seeking clarifications on issues emerging during the implementation of the Scheme.

7. Secretary, MWCD also seriously viewed non-participation of States/UTs in the National Workshop. He advised that all training/workshops organised by the Ministry may be attended by an appropriate level officer from States/UTs as it requires a lot of resources and manpower to organise National level workshop. Further, it was also

advised that State/UT Nodal Officers should respond over phone calls/e-mails made by the Ministry regarding implementation of PMMVY.

8. The second Power Point Presentation focusing on Anganwadi / Health Workers Master Data and User List required for uploading on PMMVY-CAS Portal was given by the Software Development Agency (SDA). Various issues regarding updating / cleaning of junk data from the Masters and formation of User List by the States / UTs were discussed. The SDA Team also provided tutorials on usage of PMMVY-CAS at various levels to the members.

9. The question answer session, conducted immediately after the Power Point Presentation, included the following issues raised by the States / UTs and clarification provided by the Ministry during the session are as under:

Name of the State/UT	Issues raised	Clarification provided by the Ministry
Haryana	Issue of LGD Codes attached to villages.	The SDA Team showed how to download the LGD Data for each State / UT. They also mentioned that there were separate columns for LGD Code and Village names. They also stated that the names mentioned in the LG Directory should match with those provided in the Anganwadi / Health Workers Master Data submitted by the States / UTs to this Ministry.
	Issue of usage of Town codes instead of Municipal Codes in the Master Data. Example: Gurugram has a single Town Code. Or should the State mention the Municipal Codes?	The SDA Team stated that although Gurugram has a Municipal Corporation with its own 6 digit code, only the code for Gurugram city is required in the Master Data.
	In case of change in District jurisdiction, should an Anganwadi be assigned a new 11 digit code?	The SDA stated that the Anganwadi mapped to a particular Project may continue with the same 11 digit number. There will be no hindrance in transaction of payments.

	<p>The State has already sent the proposal regarding formation of Charki Dadri District. How will be the Angawandis mapped in that particular district?</p>	<p>There is defined protocol for creation of new villages, blocks, districts and State Panchayati Raj Department are the Nodal Department in this regard. Whenever a new entity is created it can be assigned unique LGD Code. The history of previous version remains preserved. In case there are any problem which is not being resolved it can be brought to the notice of this ministry. LGD has been designed in such a way that creation/ bifurcation etc have no effect on scheme implementation.</p>
Uttar Pradesh	<p>Issue of entry of details of a Data Operator in a particular District and his/her subsequent transfer to another district. Should the entry for that particular Data Entry Operator be deleted and again uploaded on the User List?</p>	<p>Since it is an issue regarding to mapping of Users, it is to be updated at the State level itself. In case of transfer within a district, the District coordinator may make the required changes. While, in case of inter district transfers, the State Nodal Officer may make the required changes.</p>
	<p>Will the beneficiary receive any intimation about the payments made to her under this scheme?</p>	<p>SMS integration is planned for this scheme. However as the software stands today, monthly detailed reports can be acquired for each Anganwadi and can be checked for the payments made to the beneficiaries. The SMS Integration will be introduced in the next version of the PMMVY-CAS.</p>
	<p>Can't Aadhaar be used for obtaining the Bank Account details of the eligible beneficiaries?</p>	<p>The beneficiary account details cannot be obtained from Aadhaar without the required permissions. Moreover, in case the beneficiary has multiple accounts, obtaining the details through Aadhaar may lead to wrong payments.</p>

10. The third Power Point Presentation focussing on DSC enrollment on PFMS was given by the officials from Public Finance Management System (PFMS). The officials also provide the training on usage of PFMS Portal for making payments directly to the Bank / Post Office Accounts of the eligible beneficiaries under this scheme.

11. The State / UT Nodal Officers who came with their DSC and faced problems in enrolling the same on PFMS portal were provided on the spot technical support. Four (4) States / UTs (Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry) got their DSC enrolled during the workshop.

12. Finally, live payments to the beneficiary's accounts using PFMS Portal for the State of Madhya Pradesh was made in the workshop. It was indicated that the 11 States/UTs (Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Sikkim, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh) are presently entering details in PMMVY-CAS and rest assured that they are now well versed with the system and will be entering the details of beneficiaries after reaching their respective State/UT.

13. Director (PMMVY) concluded the workshop with the remarks that all States/UTs may furnish clean Master Data and User List without any delay. Further, he also advised all State Nodal Officers to enrol their DSCs on PFMS so that they could disburse the maternity benefits to eligible beneficiaries without any hindrance. State/UT representatives were requested to send the proposal for release of funds by the meeting the Administrative and other Expenses.
