

F. No. 5-10/2013-IGMSY
Government of India
Ministry of Women and Child Development

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated : 13 .11.2013

To,

The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/ Administrators dealing with Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) – a Conditional Maternity Benefit (CMB) Scheme.

Subject: Cost Sharing for maternity benefit to pregnant and lactating woman under IGMSY in accordance with The National Food Security Act, 2013.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

This is in connection with universalisation of Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) from 53 pilot districts to all the district of the country in accordance with the provisions of 'The National Food Security Act, 2013'. As per "The National Food Security Act", every pregnant woman and lactating mother is entitled to receive maternity benefit not less than Rs. 6,000 (Rupees six thousand). The Ministry is in the process of revising the IGMSY to bring it in conformity with the provisions of the Act.

2. Under section 39 of the National Food Security Act, 2013 the Central Government in consultation with the State Governments make rules for cost sharing for providing maternity benefit to pregnant and lactating women under section 4(b). The Section 4, 7 and 39 are reproduced below:

Section 4: Subject to such scheme as may be framed by the Central Government, every pregnant woman and lactating mother shall be entitled to ---

(a)

(b) maternity benefit of not less than rupees six thousand, in such instalments as may be prescribed by the Central Government:

Provided that all Pregnant women and Lactating mothers in regular employment with the Central Government or State Governments or Public Sector Undertakings or those who are in receipt of similar benefits under any law for the time being in force shall not be entitled of benefits specified in clause (b).

Section 7. The State Governments shall implement schemes covering entitlements under sections 4, 5 and section 6 in accordance with the guidelines, including cost sharing,

between the Central Government and the State Governments in such manner as may be prescribed by the Central Government.

Section 39. (1) The Central Government may, in consultation with the State Governments and by notification, make rules to carry out the provisions of this Act.

(2) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

(a) scheme including cost sharing for providing maternity benefit to pregnant women and lactating mothers under clause (b) of section 4;

(b) schemes covering entitlements under sections 4, 5 and section 6 including cost sharing under section 7;

3. Also, as per provision of Planning Commission's OM No. M. 12043/03/2013-PC dated 11th July 2013 regarding Restructuring of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) in the XIth Plan, for each new CSS, atleast 25% of funds may be contributed by the General Category States and 10% fund by Special Category States including States of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. For all CSS funds will be placed with the Administrative Ministries for transfer to the States through consolidated fund of the States concerned. This mode of transfer may be implemented in a phased manner in BE 2014-15.

4 We solicit your comments on the Cost-Sharing by your State/UT for maternity benefit under IGMSY. It is also requested that the district-wise estimated number of beneficiaries may also be communicated to calculate the cost liability for each State/UT. The information may be furnished by 29.11.2013 to the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,



(Vivek Joshi)

Joint Secretary to Govt. of India

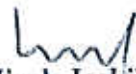
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