

No. CDN/76/2021-Coordination
Government of India
Ministry of Women & Child Development

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 27th April, 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Covid 19 related arrangements at government run/ supported field facilities pertaining to women and children – Regarding.

In order to eliminate possibilities of spread of Covid-19 pandemic and for ensuring best possible safety from Covid for the inmates/ beneficiaries and staff of government run/ supported field facilities, institutions and set-ups for women and children, including the One Stop Centres and the various kinds of homes and shelters being run or supported by this Ministry with the help of State, UT and District Administrations, the following directions are hereby issued with request for ensuring their immediate compliance:

- i. All **physical spaces, furniture, furnishings, equipment** etc. in these institutions are to **be sanitized regularly and on continued basis**, with special attention and care towards such portions/ parts/ furniture/ furnishings/ equipment etc. therein which get more frequently physically touched, used or visited. Special care should also be taken for **full Covid hygiene** in cooking, eating, storage and toilet facilities in such set ups;
- ii. Hand **sanitizers and soaps** are to be kept readily available for use by all at such facilities/ institutions/ set ups;
- iii. Wearing of **face masks** is to be ensured in relation to all persons staying or working at or visiting these facilities/ institutions/ set ups. In this regard it must be ensured that these face masks are of such design and are worn in such manner that they are able to effectively prevent spread of Covid, including by being suitably tight fitting, with adequate protective layering, and by way fully covering nose, mouth and the nearby area on a person's face;
- iv. Regular **Covid testing** of inmates and staff is to be ensured, with special care and promptness if there are any symptoms, even if such symptoms are initial, so as to ensure timely detection and treatment where needed.
- v. All prescribed protocols and measures relating to **quarantine, isolation, treatment** etc. are to be necessarily followed in cases of persons who test positive or who show any **symptoms of Covid**, even if such symptoms are initial;
- vi. All provisions as may be available for **social security and wellbeing** of inmates and staff of such set ups should be made available to them on time. This should include providing of social security **pensions, insurance** cover etc. as available within the scope of various government schemes and programs for such inmates/ beneficiaries and staff.
- vii. As required, full attention should be paid and comprehensive support extended to the needs of **migrant** women and children in the context of Covid pandemic.

2. It is requested that these directions may kindly be circulated for immediate compliance to all District Collectors/ District Magistrates and other concerned field authorities, institutions and set ups for compliance with immediate effect.

3. Guidelines issued by Ministry of Home Affairs **vide letter No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 23rd March, 2021** are also to be adhered to.

4. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority in the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India.

Sd/-
(Navendra Singh)
Director

To,

1. Chief Secretaries/ Administrators. (All States/ UTs).
2. Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Women & Child Development/ Social Welfare/ Social Justice. (All States/ UTs).