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Government of India
Ministry of Women and Child Development

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi
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To
The Principal Secretary/ Secretary in charge of Women and Child Development
of all States/UTs. *Govt. of Maharashtra*

Subject : Implementation of Swadhar Greh Scheme-reg.

Sir/ Madam,

The Ministry of Women and Child Development has been administering two Schemes namely Swadhar and Short Stay Home Schemes, to provide shelter and other support services to women in difficult circumstances. Funds to the implementing agencies, which are mainly NGOs, were hitherto released by the Ministry on the recommendation of the State Governments under Swadhar Scheme and by CSWB after inspection by State Boards/ their field officers under Short Stay Home Scheme. Since the objective of both the schemes is similar, it was decided in 2011 to merge them into one scheme called 'Swadhar Greh' and operate it as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on cost sharing basis with the State Governments. However, the new Scheme could not take off at that time as most of the States did not convey their willingness for cost sharing.

02. The Govt. has now reconsidered the matter and decided to implement the revised scheme as a central sector scheme through States/UTs with 100 percent central funding. The revised guidelines are placed on the website of the Ministry viz. www.wcd.nic.in

03. As per the guidelines, all existing Swadhar and Short Stay Homes stand renamed as Swadhar Greh with immediate effect and continue to operate under the new guidelines. The State Governments/UT administrations may review the functioning and need of each Home and take a decision for further continuance or otherwise. While undertaking such review, infrastructure facility, quality of care, availability of qualified staff besides track record of the Homes in rehabilitating the women in distress during the last three years may perhaps need to be taken into consideration.

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04. Necessary funds are being transferred to the State Governments/UTs for further releases to the implementing agencies. Before releasing the first installment (2015-16), to the implementing agencies, it may be ensured that the implementing organization has settled its accounts in respect of the previous grant released to them under Swadhar or Short Stay Home Scheme, as the case may be. Past liability till the period 2014-15 will be settled by the Ministry of Women and Child Development on the recommendations of the State Government in respect of Swadhar Projects and by CSWB in respect of Short Stay Homes.

05 I shall be grateful if you could instruct the concerned officers in your State/UT to take expeditious action to release first installment of grant to the implementing agencies after due verification and take such other action as may be necessary for quality implementation of the programme. A statement indicating details of Swadhar Homes and Short Stay Homes operational in your State/UT as on 31-03-2015 is enclosed.

06. The Ministry will be happy to provide further guidance, if any, required by the State Governments/ UT administrations in implementing the revised scheme.

Yours faithfully,

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