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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly Summary for the month of August, 2019 in respect of Ministry of Women and Child Development.

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith a copy of the unclassified portion of the monthly summary in English pertaining to the Ministry of Women and Child Development for the month of August, 2019.

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Monthly Summary Report for the month of August, 2019 in respect of Ministry of Women and Child Development

The significant events relating to the work of Ministry of Women and Child Development for the month ending August, 2019 are as follows:

1. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses (Amendment) Act, 2019

The Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses (Amendment) Bill, 2019 was considered and passed by the Lok Sabha on 01.08.2019. The same received the President's assent on 05.08.2019. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act, 2019 was published in the Gazette on 06.08.2019 and has been notified to be made effective from 16.08.2019.

2. Visit of the delegation from Malawi

A delegation of the officials from Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare in Malawi visited the Ministry of Women and Child Development on 13.08.2019 to learn about the rules and regulations that govern the operations of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) and Children's issues in general. Further, the delegation visited NCPCR on 19.08.2019 to familiarize with the operations and other tenets of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).

3. Meetings of Hon'ble Minister, WCD with Hon'ble Chief Ministers of various States

Hon'ble Minister of Women and Child Development along with senior officers from the Ministry visited and met the Chief Ministers of the States of Goa, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, Kerala and Gujarat during the month of August, 2019 to review the progress of POSHAN Abhiyaan and other major schemes of the Ministry.

4. POSHAN Abhiyaan Award for year 2018-19

The Ministry recognized exemplary works of State Governments, District teams, Block level teams and Field Functionaries at the POSHAN Abhiyaan Award Ceremony for 2018-19 held in New Delhi, on 23.08.2019. Partner Ministries and Development Partners were also felicitated at the function for supporting the POSHAN Abhiyaan. A total of 363 POSHAN Abhiyaan Awards were given away with total cash prize of Rs 22 Crore. A total number of 22 certificates of appreciation were also given to the line Ministries/Departments and Development Partners.

5. Celebration of Rashtriya Poshan Maah

A workshop was organised on 23.08.2019 under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister for Women & Child Development with all States/UTs, concerned Ministries/Departments and partners for celebration of Rashtriya Poshan Maah in September, 2019. Detailed activities to be carried out were shared. A Video Conference under the Chairmanship of Dr. Vinod K Paul, Member, NITI Aayog was held on 31.08.2019 with all States/UTs for successful celebration of Rashtriya Poshan Maah.

6. Review of Central Social Welfare Board (CSWB) by Hon'ble Minister

Hon'ble Minister, WCD reviewed the functioning of CSWB on 16.8.2019 in the presence of senior officers.

7. Review of National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) by Hon'ble Minister

Hon'ble Minister took a review of NIPCCD on 19.08.2019. A presentation was made on the Mission, Vision and Mandate of the Institute.

8. Review of RMK by Hon'ble Minister

A meeting under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister, WCD was held on 19.08.2019 with senior officers from the Ministry and Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK) to review the operations of RMK.

9. National Level Training for State Nodal Officers/SRCW consultants of MSK & BBBP Scheme

A one day National Level Training for State Nodal Officers/State Resource Centre for Women (SRCW) consultants of Mahila Shakti Mendra (MSK) and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme was held for all States /UTs on 1st August, 2019 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. The training was organized to expedite implementation of MSK Scheme and to strengthen BBBP activities at the State level

10. Modalities of data sharing on child related issues

A meeting under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister, WCD was held on 14.08.2019 with officers from Ministry of Home Affairs, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Labour & Employment, and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) to discuss the modalities of data sharing on child related issues.

11. One Stop Centers and Women Helpline

At present 551 One Stop Centers are functional in 33 States/ UTs. Women Helpline is functional in 32 States/UTs.

12. Food and Nutrition Board

The Food and Nutrition Board (FNB) under the Ministry celebrated the **World Breast feeding Week** from 1st to 7th August on the theme **'Empower Parents, Enable Breastfeeding'.** During the weeklong celebrations, various activities like State level symposiums for disseminating correct norms on Infant and Young Child Feeding practices (IYCF) & feeding during emergencies, IMS Act, Lecture cum Demonstration on home based complimentary food etc.

FNB also conducted Inspections of 423 Anganwadi Centers for monitoring the Supplementary Nutrition Programme of the Aanganwadi Services. 133 Nutrition Education Programs in the urban slums, rural and tribal areas; 03 training programmes on Home Scale Preservation of Fruits and Vegetables were also organised to promote their consumption. FNB also conducted 70 Orientation Training Courses in Nutrition for grassroots level functionaries.

13. Minimum Government, Maximum Governance:

- Video Conferences are being held on regular basis for inter-action and dialogues with States/UTs for effective implementation of various schemes
- Full-fledged e-Office implementation by Ministry has resulted in savings to Government exchequer; Also, substantial number of Inter Ministerial communications are made through e-mail.
- All Policies/ Programmes/ Schemes/ Acts/ Sanction orders etc. are loaded on public domain for easy access by stakeholders.
