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Dated the 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

Dear Chief Secretary,

Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) are key functionaries who deliver a set of services to children upto 6 years of age and pregnant women & lactating mothers (PW&LM). The services provided include Supplementary Nutrition, Pre-school Non-formal Education and Nutrition & Health Education. They also visit homes of infants and pregnant women and provide nutrition counseling. With the launch of POSHAN Abhiyaan, the responsibilities of Anganwadi Workers have increased further. They are responsible for organising Community Based Events (CBEs) and Village Health and Nutrition Days (VHNDs), conducting household surveys and mobilizing the Self Help Groups (SHGs) and community at large for Jan Andolan under POSHAN Abhiyaan. Therefore, the Anganwadi Workers necessarily have to keep the Anganwadi Centres(AWCs) open and functional at least 25 days a month for delivery of the above mentioned services.

2. It has come to the notice of this Ministry that Anganwadi Workers are being engaged for other purposes like election duties, conducting surveys, etc. by the State governments or district administrations. The absence of AWWs lead to closure of the Anganwadi Centres which severely impacts delivery of various health & nutrition related services. Government of India in conjunction with State Governments is making concerted efforts to improve the health & nutrition indicators through POSHAN Abhiyaan for reduction of stunting, low-birth weight, under nutrition, wasting and anaemia. If the Anganwadi Centres remain closed due to engagement of Anganwadi Workers in other activities, it will adversely impact the efforts to improve the nutritional status of women and children in the country.

3. I shall be grateful if you could kindly issue strict instructions to all the concerned departments & officers not to deploy Anganwadi Workers for any other duty except Anganwadi Services, POSHAN Abhiyaan, Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG), Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) and other women & child related works / activities. A copy of the order/instructions issued in this regard may kindly be made available to this Ministry.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Secretaries of all the States/UTs