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**Dear Shri Chouhan ji,**

As you may be aware the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is one of the flagship programmes of the Government of India. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented by all States/ UTs across the country. The scheme is basically intended to ensure the holistic development of the children below six years of age. The objective of the scheme are to (i) improve the nutritional and health status of pre-school children in the age group of 0-6 years; (ii) to lay the foundation of proper psychological development of the child; (iii) to reduce the incidence of mortality, morbidity, malnutrition and school drop-out; (iv) to achieve effective coordination of policy and implementation amongst the various departments to promote child development; and (v) to enhance the capability of the mother to look after the normal health and nutritional needs of the child through proper nutrition and health education.

2. These objectives are achieved by providing a package of six services by Anganwadi Workers and Helpers, who are the front line workers from the local community to deliver essential services under the ICDS scheme to the targeted beneficiaries, at the respective Anganwadi Centres. They are supposed to perform a range of duties such as providing nutritional support to children and mothers, counseling the care givers, organizing non-formal pre-school activities, assisting the Primary Health Centre staff in immunization, health checkup etc.

For providing these services, they are paid monthly honoraria as decided by the Government of India from time to time. They do not hold status of Government/Semi Government employees of the Central/State Government.

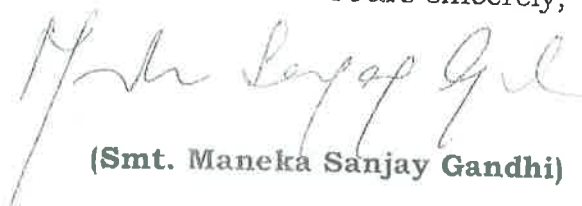
3. On many occasions it has come to the notice of this Ministry that services of Anganwadi Workers and Helpers are often utilized for non-ICDS related activities which results in their time getting used elsewhere while it should have been better utilized for looking after young children in the Anganwadi Centres.

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4. I shall be grateful if you could issue instructions to all the concerned authorities that the services of Anganwadi Workers and Helpers are not to be used for non-ICDS activities in the States/UTs so that their time can better be utilized for managing the Anganwadi Centers with more sincerity and commitment. A line of confirmation of the action taken in this regard will be highly appreciated.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh,  
Bhopal.

Send to Chief Secretaries / Administrators of all States / UTs.