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Government of India
Ministry of Women and Child Development

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
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To

The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries dealing with Anganwadi Services in all States/UTs


Dear

I am directed to say that COVID-19 is on the rise again and many States/UTs have announced lockdown measures to contain spread of the pandemic. Such measures, though highly essential, impact the delivery of various services to consumers due to slowdown of transport and communication systems. Under these circumstances, the beneficiaries of Anganwadi Services i.e., children, women and lactating mothers, who are vulnerable sections of society and hence more prone to consequences of such disruptions, need special care and attention from all of us.

2. Keeping in view the above and also the fact the provision of Supplementary Nutrition to beneficiaries under the Anganwadi Services is a legal entitlement as per the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013, it has been decided **that Anganwadi Workers shall distribute the THR once in 15 days at the doorsteps of the beneficiaries i.e., children, women and lactating mothers and beneficiaries will not be asked to visit the Anganwadis. Besides medicines shall also be distributed as per requirement and special attention will be given to the timely medical interventions for SAM children.**

3. All States/UTs are directed to ensure that the above directions are strictly complied with so as to ensure that continuous nutritional support is available to the beneficiaries of Anganwadi Services. Further, it is also advised that awareness be spread among beneficiaries on sanitation and hygienic practices to be adopted for prevention of COVID-19 and extend all possible assistance to them in this regard.

4. A fortnightly compliance report in this regard should also be forwarded by States/UTs to this Ministry in the enclosed format by 15th and 30/31st of every month.


26/04/2021
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