To,

The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/ Administrators dealing with Indira Gandhi Matritva Shayog Yojana (IGMSY) – a Conditional Maternity Benefit (CMB) Scheme.

Subject: Revision of maternity benefit and conditionalities under IGMSY Scheme in accordance with National Food Security Act, 2013 effective from 10th September 2013.

Dear Sir/Madam,

In continuation of this Ministry’s letter of even number dated 08.11.2010 and 04.04.2011 conveying Government’s approval for implementation of “Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) – a Conditional Maternity Benefit (CMB) scheme on the pilot basis in 53 districts across the country. In the scheme each pregnant and lactating mothers (who are 19 years of age or above and up to two live children only) in selected districts receive a total cash incentive of Rs. 4,000 in their bank or post office accounts in three instalments between the second trimester till the child attains the age of 6 months subject to fulfilment of maternal and child health conditions.

2. As you may be aware that “The National Food Security Act, 2013”, effective from 10th September 2013 has a provision under section 4, which reads us under:-

Section 4: Subject to such scheme as may be framed by the Central Government, every pregnant woman and lactating mother shall be entitled to ---

(a) .......

(b) maternity benefit of not less than rupees six thousand, in such instalments as may be prescribed by the Central Government:

Provided that all Pregnant women and Lactating mothers in regular employment with the Central Government or State Governments or Public Sector Undertakings or those who are in receipt of similar benefits under any law for the time being in force shall not be entitled of benefits specified in clause (b).

3. In this context, the Ministry has reviewed the entitlement of maternity benefits of IGMSY beneficiaries in 53 districts. It has been now been decided that the maternity benefit under the IGMSY will be disbursed in two instalments. The revised conditions, instalments and the means of verification are as under:
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| First instalment (in third trimester) | • Registration of Pregnancy at AWC / health centres within 4 months of pregnancy  
• At least two ANC with IFA tablets and TT | Rs. 3,000       | Mother & Child Protection Card certified by AWW |
| Second instalment (6 months after delivery) | • The birth of the child is registered.  
• The child has received BCG, DPT 1, II & III and three OPV doses  
• Attended at least 3 growth monitoring and IYCF counselling sessions within 3 months of delivery,  
• Exclusive breastfeeding for six months and introduction of complimentary feeding as certified by the mother | Rs. 3,000       | Self-certification, Mother & Child Protection Card |

4. The State Governments/UT Administration are requested to release the cash benefit to the IGMSY beneficiaries in accordance with the above table with effect from date of implementation of The National Food Security Act, 2013, i.e. from 5th July 2013.

5. The issues with the approval of Minister of Women and Child Development (Independent Charge). Kindly acknowledge the receipt of the letter.

Yours faithfully,

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